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SIDI BARRANI CAPTURED ITALIANS BROKEN UP IN DISORDER

SUPPLIES TO CHINA

Traffic over the north-western high-way between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the Chungking "Ta Kung Pao" quoting China communications quarters. —Reuter.

Smashing Triumph Of British Strategy

SIDI BARRANI, SPEARHEAD OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE INTO EGYPT FROM LIBYA, HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE IMPERIAL BRITISH FORCES WHICH ON MONDAY COMMENCED A BLITZKRIEG ASSAULT ON THE FORTIFIED CAMPS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE EGYPTIAN BORDER BY MARSHAL GRAZIANI'S FORCES.

This new triumph, which follows the capture by British mechanised forces of Bugbug on Tuesday, means that a large part of two Italian divisions—mainly composed of Libyan troops though including some Black Shirts—have either been captured or annihilated.

SOVIET'S HINT TO BULGARIA

If Bulgaria grants a free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian Black Sea ports of Burgas and Varna.

This is what the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Soboleff, told King Boris during his recent visit to Sofia, according to well-informed sources in the Bulgarian capital, writes the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency in a despatch from the Turkish capital yesterday.

King Boris confirmed to M. Soboleff that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite Pact but the King avoided a direct reply, making Bulgarian adhesion dependent on the Soviet Union.

German propaganda, says the correspondent, immediately distributed numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union.

The Bulgarian police established that the pamphlets originated in the propaganda section of the German Legation.—Reuter.

VIOLENT BATTLE IN THE TEVELI SECTOR

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav-Albanian Frontier)
VIOLENT FIGHTING continued yesterday in the Teveli sector, where the Italians, who have been reinforced, are making desperate efforts to prevent the Greeks from descending into the river valley.

In the Skumbi Valley, which leads to Elbasan, the Greeks have advanced to positions in front of Vrepka.

RAIDERS ACTIVE IN CHANNEL

Small numbers of enemy aircraft have been active over the Channel and the south-east coast of England during daylight yesterday and bombs were dropped in a town on the south-east coast shortly after noon.

These, says an Air Ministry communiqué, demolished some shops and houses and caused a small number of casualties.

Desperate Italian counter-attacks, intended to hold up Greek progress, have failed.

North of Podgradetz, where fierce fighting is progressing, the Greeks are maintaining their positions despite all attacks.

Along the Lake Ohrida coast road the Greeks have advanced slightly despite snow and rain.

Groups of Italians are crossing the border to surrender to the Yugoslav authorities.

Port Of Valona Bombed

The R.A.F. again bombed Valona on Tuesday and a vessel in harbour was hit while other bombs fell among buildings, a munition dump and in a motor transport park.

This was announced at R.A.F. headquarters in Greece yesterday. It was added that all British aircraft returned safely to base.—Reuter.

It was added that one enemy aircraft was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters without loss.—Reuter.

The success of the British around Sidi Barrani, it was stated in Cairo yesterday, was the outcome of well-planned strategy.

British armoured forces first attacked the enemy's right flank and then forced their way to the rear while a fierce British frontal attack was launched against enemy positions at Maktila, 15 miles east of Sidi Barrani.

This frontal attack was completely successful.

On finding themselves cut off from the rear, the Italians became disorganised when attacked from all sides.

Egyptians Thrilled

The capture of Sidi Barrani was announced at places of public entertainment throughout Cairo and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, Egyptians raising cheers for England.

The press features the news on the front pages, and the

newspaper "El Ahram" uses for headline a verse from the Koran: "Our possession returned to us."

"A truly magnificent war," was how a high Egyptian Government official described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to Reuter in Cairo. He said the news would cause a sensation throughout Egypt.

"This smashing Italian defeat removes any possible doubt concerning the safety of Egypt," he declared.—Reuter.

REYNOLD'S FINED FOR MISTAKE

First prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations resulted in London yesterday in the managing editor and publisher of "Reynold's News" being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs.

Allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy.

An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper, ignoring deletions made by the official censor.

The magistrate trying the case agreed that a mistake had been made, and that there was no intentional anti-British action.—Reuter.

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UNCEASING ACTIVITY BY R.A.F. OVER DESERT Camps, Concentrations And Transport Bombed Command Of The Air Established

THE BOMBING of all Italian aerodromes in the Libyan desert continued throughout Tuesday; two enemy camps, troop concentrations and motor transport were repeatedly bombed, stated an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Six enemy aircraft were certainly shot down while three others were seen falling out of control.

Further enemy aircraft were destroyed on El-Aden aerodrome during a particularly heavy raid on Tuesday night.

High explosive bombs set fire to several hangars while direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft, several of which exploded. Fires were visible 60 miles away. In the Bardia-Sollum area many bombs were dropped on

motor transport concentrations, while the enemy camp at Sofafi was heavily bombed.

Sollum Attacked

The Fleet Air Arm cooperated with the R.A.F. in attacking barracks at Bardia and the escarpment road at Sollum, while other aircraft bombed the landing ground.

One enemy aircraft on the ground at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10, in addition to a further unknown number destroyed or badly damaged.

During these operations, which continued throughout 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return to base.—Reuter.

STILL IN EARLY STAGES

Military circles in London yesterday evening emphasised that the operations in the Western Desert are still in the preliminary phase.

There is no question of a breakthrough, as there are no established lines in the accepted sense of the term, but just perimeter camps, some of which have already been attacked with complete success.

These circles stressed that the operations must be kept in the proper perspective in relation to the vast area of the desert in which they are being conducted.

At the same time, if the British hold on to Bug Bug, a large force of Italians is in danger of being cut off.—Reuter.

14, HE SELLS US 'PLANES

The youngest sub-contractor in England is Stanley John Clapham, aged fourteen, of Church Street, Modbury, Devon, who two years ago won a scholarship to Kingsbridge Grammar School.

Now he can't spend all his time at his books, because he has an official requisition order from the military authorities for German aeroplanes.

It is true that the planes he supplies them with have a span of only about three inches, but they are none the less exceedingly valuable for military instruction.

For several years Stanley has been an enthusiastic model maker. When the war broke out he started studying charts of German planes. He drew the designs to scale on paper and from these shaped the various parts with a penknife and glued them together.

So accurate in detail, colour and distinguishing marks were his miniature models that they attracted the attention of an officer.

As a result, Stanley received his Army order and has already supplied the military with models of twenty-two German machines.

WARDENS KILLED AT POST

Nine wardens at their post in a South London borough were killed by a bomb only a few minutes after they had summoned a rescue party to the aid of people trapped in a public shelter in one of the night raids.

The post was in the basement of a hall and the rescue party returned to find the building wrecked. Working desperately to get out the wardens, they found that a fractured gas main had gassed all the entrapped men.

These are other incidents in the night's raids:—

With a last good-night kiss, a sergeant of the Guards left his fiancée at the front door of her house in a South-West London suburb.

A moment later he was flung across the road as a heavy bomb exploded. He ran back, dazed, to see only a great pile of debris where his fiancée's house and two others had stood.

Beneath it lay dead his fiancée, Miss Dunnage, and her mother.

Mr. Dunnage and his son, aged seventeen, who were in the shelter, had only slight injuries.

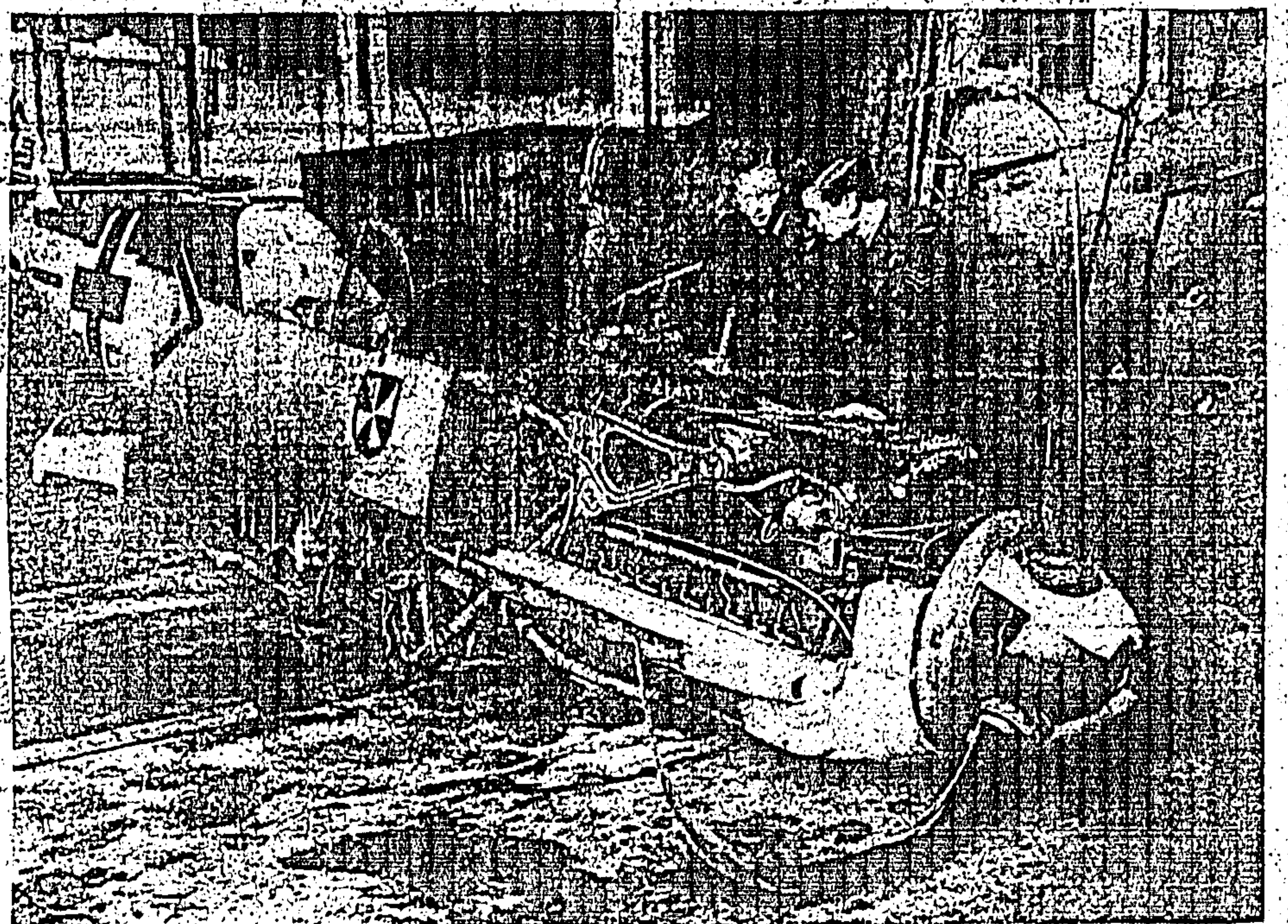
Peggy Hollands, aged sixteen, was rescued after twenty-four hours at a south-east coast town.

She had been pinned by the leg in the cellar of a building which collapsed after a direct hit during Saturday night's raid. She was taken to hospital for leg injuries.

A boy of eight died to save the life of his sister aged six when their home in South-East Scotland was hit by a bomb.

When rescuers reached the boy, Ronald McArthur, he was dead but his sister Moira was rescued. He had lain on top of her. The girl and her father were taken to hospital.

Seven people were killed in a South-West London district when a high explosive bomb fell in a back garden and wrecked a whole



Many Nazi planes shot down in Britain have crashed and yet remained in fair condition. Some of these have been repaired and carefully examined by the R.A.F. structural experts and are now in flying condition, enabling our pilots to know just what the other man is undergoing while in the air. R.A.F. sergeants are here seen examining the engine of a crashed Messerschmitt 109. (Copyright, Fox)

ARMY'S BOUND ACROSS ROADLESS DESERT TRACKS

'NO' TO WAR WAGE PLAN

Because they refused to agree on a wage policy, the employers have thrown out a T.U.C. programme for making the Home Front's war effort run more smoothly.

The unions, with the help of Mr. J. M. Keynes and other economists, produced the programme in the hope that the employers would agree to it, so that it could be issued as a point statement.

The programme included these five suggestions:

1. It is undesirable that there should be substantial price rises during the war.

2. No attempt should be made to restrain legitimate wage increases due to rises in the cost of living.

3. The Government should be urged to continue price control, and extend the range of subsidies as far as practicable.

4. An appeal should be made to the people to save every penny they can and invest in Government stocks and shares—on the clear understanding that these savings would not be used later to penalise the people in wage applications or in applications for unemployment benefit or relief.

It should be stated in the clearest possible language that unreasonable war profits are gravely detrimental to the nation's interests.

The T.U.C. annual report, reveals that the developments of the war situation and the difficulties of agreeing to a point statement "upon so thorny and contentious a subject, including among other matters, the question of wages policy," proved insurmountable.

No such joint statement was issued.

row of houses.

A bomb blasted a 10ft. deep hole only a yard from an Anderson shelter. There were four people in the shelter and none was hurt.

THE BRITISH BOUND across the roadless track of scrub-covered desert has already justified the foresight of the British Army authorities, who for nearly a decade, have worked on the adaptation of motor transport for desert warfare.

The story starts in 1931 when, military circles in London recall, a medley of different types of vehicles were tried out for over 5,000 miles over all kinds of terrain in North Africa.

Experience gained then and since proved of utmost value to the Army in Egypt.

Compared with the campaign in Albania, distances in Egypt are enormous.

Taking into account both Libya and Italian East Africa the front extends 3,500 miles, or longer than the Canadian-American frontier.

Present operations, from the viewpoint of a mechanised army, are most timely as the sand is much harder than at any other time of year.—Reuter.

2,000 More Prisoners

OVER 2,000 MORE ITALIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN PRISONER IN THE WESTERN DESERT DURING OPERATIONS IN THE 24 HOURS UP TO YESTERDAY EVENING. THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF 6,000 SO FAR.

An official communique, announcing this, said that quantity of war material has also been captured but this has not yet been sorted out.

Active patrolling is continuing in the Sudan area.—Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST STIR

NEWS OF THE BRITISH SUCCESS IN THE WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PARTICULARLY IN EGYPT AND GREECE.

The Athens newspaper "Hestia" yesterday commented that from the bottom of their hearts the Greek people desire that the valiant soldiers of the British Empire should give a good lesson to the Fascist troops.

The Greeks are sure of a British victory, the paper says.—Reuter.

FRENCH AID IN DESERT OFFENSIVE

The part taken by the Free French Forces in the Egyptian offensive, in co-operation with the British forces, was described in a communique from General de Gaulle's Headquarters in London yesterday.

The communique states that advanced units of French troops have taken a number of prisoners and war material in the Sidi Barrani district.

It adds that a battalion of marines has been specially mentioned in army quarters by General de Gaulle.

"At the frontier of Chad and Libya, Free French Forces have completely occupied a zone of French territory"—Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR ACE IN COMMAND

A CANADIAN AIR "ACE" IS LEADING THE R.A.F. SQUADRONS WHICH HAVE COMPLETELY DOMINATED THE AIR OVER THE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT.

He is Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw, who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war.—Reuter.

WAR AIMS STATEMENT RUMOURS PREMATURE

Principles Still Under Examination

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

STATEMENTS REGARDING AN IMPENDING BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF WAR AIMS ARE PREMATURE. FOR SOME TIME PAST THE CABINET HAS BEEN GIVING PROVISIONAL EXAMINATION TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT GUIDE A GENERAL SETTLEMENT.

It is intended, when the Government has brought these provisional discussions to a more definite stage, that the Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted upon them.

It is obvious that no public statement can be expected meanwhile.

In any case, such a statement could only be on general lines, as it is not possible to foresee what basic developments may take place in the war situation.

Furthermore, the Government must bear in mind that while it may be desirable to make known what Great Britain and her Allies are fighting for, it is not desirable to place any handicap in advance on any government which might succeed them after the war is won, or to revive party strife by enunciating proposals which could cause controversy and weaken the war effort.

Early in New Year

A British statement is not expected before the New Year but it is expected that the Prime Minister will take an early opportunity in 1941 to make a pronouncement to the world on the subject of the Allies' war aims.

In this connection it may be recalled that President Roosevelt makes his inauguration speech at Washington early in January — an occasion which would seem inevitably to promise a declaration of importance from the President of the United States. — Reuter.

THEY KEEP ROADS OPEN

Gangs of men stand by night and day ready to carry out London's biggest repair job — to see that the City's high roads are kept as clear as possible so that transport may carry on.

When a bomb falls in any of London's roads, wardens are quickly on the spot to see what damage has been done.

Soon they are contacting water, gas, electricity, hydraulic power and telephone authorities.

Out come the repair parties, men who brave bombs and flying shrapnel to do their job.

The Cost To Hitler

Hot on their heels come in local borough council's road repair gangs. They stand by until the other repairs are done and the demolition squads have made certain the road will be safe to use if repaired.

Sometimes at night only preliminary repairs can be carried out.

As soon as dawn breaks the men begin work in earnest. In a short time the repairs to mains and other works below the surface are effected. Then the local council's gangs begin to fill in the craters, lay concrete and wood blocks.

The affected areas are roped off until the work is completed and the engineer gives the "All clear". The lanes are then taken away and traffic which had been temporarily diverted begins to run again.

HOME IN A HURRY

EIGHT MESSERSCHMIDT 109s APPROACHED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THEN SUDDENLY TURNED AND MADE FOR HOME IN A HURRY.

Watchers on the ground soon saw the reason for their flight. A patrol of "Spitfires" came across the sky, headed for Germany. — Reuter.

NEW AIR MARSHAL ARRIVES IN EGYPT

AIR MARSHAL A. W. TEDDER HAS ARRIVED IN CAIRO AND COMMENCED DUTIES AS DEPUTY TO THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING THE R.A.F. IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

This was the post Air Marshal Boyd was en route to take up when captured by the Italians after a forced landing in Sicily in November. — Reuter.

NEW SCHEME FOR WAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION

UNDER THE NEW scheme for compensation for war damage to property, announced in London yesterday, the rate of contribution on buildings and immovable property will be 2/- per pound sterling of rateable value or value at which property is assessed for income tax purposes for five years.

The difference between these two is slight.

According to a calculation made by one of London's leading insurance experts for Reuter's, the contribution represents the payment of 2½ per cent. of the net capital value of property.

Thus, on property with a net capital value of £1,000, the rateable value would be about £50.

Two shillings in the pound on the latter sum gives a total small payment of £5 and of £25 during five years.

This represents 2½ per cent. of the net capital value but it is emphasised that this contribution entitles the property owner to compensation for any damage suffered from the beginning of the war until the end of August, 1941 — a period of two years. — Reuter.

The bomb cost Hitler a lot of money and perhaps a plane and crew, a borough engineer said, and when that traffic starts to roll, you can't help thinking he's wasting his time.

LIVELY EVACUEES

The liveliness of British evacuee children aboard ships taking them to Canada prompted Sir Evelyn Wrench, founder of the Overseas League, to suggest, when he arrived at Montreal, that better supervision of the children was necessary en route.

He crossed the Atlantic on a ship which took 800 children to Canada, and he declared that animal spirits and curiosity kept them going all over the ship.

"Why we have not arrived with one hundred broken limbs I cannot tell you," he said. "It must be that Providence is taking a special interest in the children."

"The officers and crew have been extraordinarily patient, but they must have been under great strain, keeping children from tumbling over the rails or falling out of the rigging."

"The organisations sending children out should either have more supervisors, or arrange to get prefects among the older boys themselves to look after them."

AUSSIE AIRMEN FOR S. RHODESIA

The first draft of Australian airmen selected for training in Southern Rhodesia have disembarked at a South African port.

This was announced in Canberra yesterday by the Commonwealth Air Minister. — Reuter.

SYRIA RESTIVE

While Italian Bersagliero troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier a steady extension of the Free French movement and increasing feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for cooperation is reported to be finding widespread sympathy despite the severe censorship but it is understood that the lack of a strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrests of Free French sympathisers continue, supporters of the movement being replaced by Vichy supporters. — Reuter.

U.S. LOAN IN SOUTH AMERICA

The United States is lending \$60,000,000 to Argentina and \$7,500,000 to Uruguay, announced Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

TREASURY FIGURE EXPLAINED

British Exchequer returns for the last week — to December 7 — reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to a record high level of £110 millions, expenditure of the supply services — largely for war necessities, was nearly £10 millions below the previous week, at £80,500,000 millions.

The high record reached by total expenditure was therefore due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on Government stocks, amounting to a large sum, were made.

Total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over £10 millions last week to nearly £24 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to £86 millions. — Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton and Macao on account of cholera have been removed.

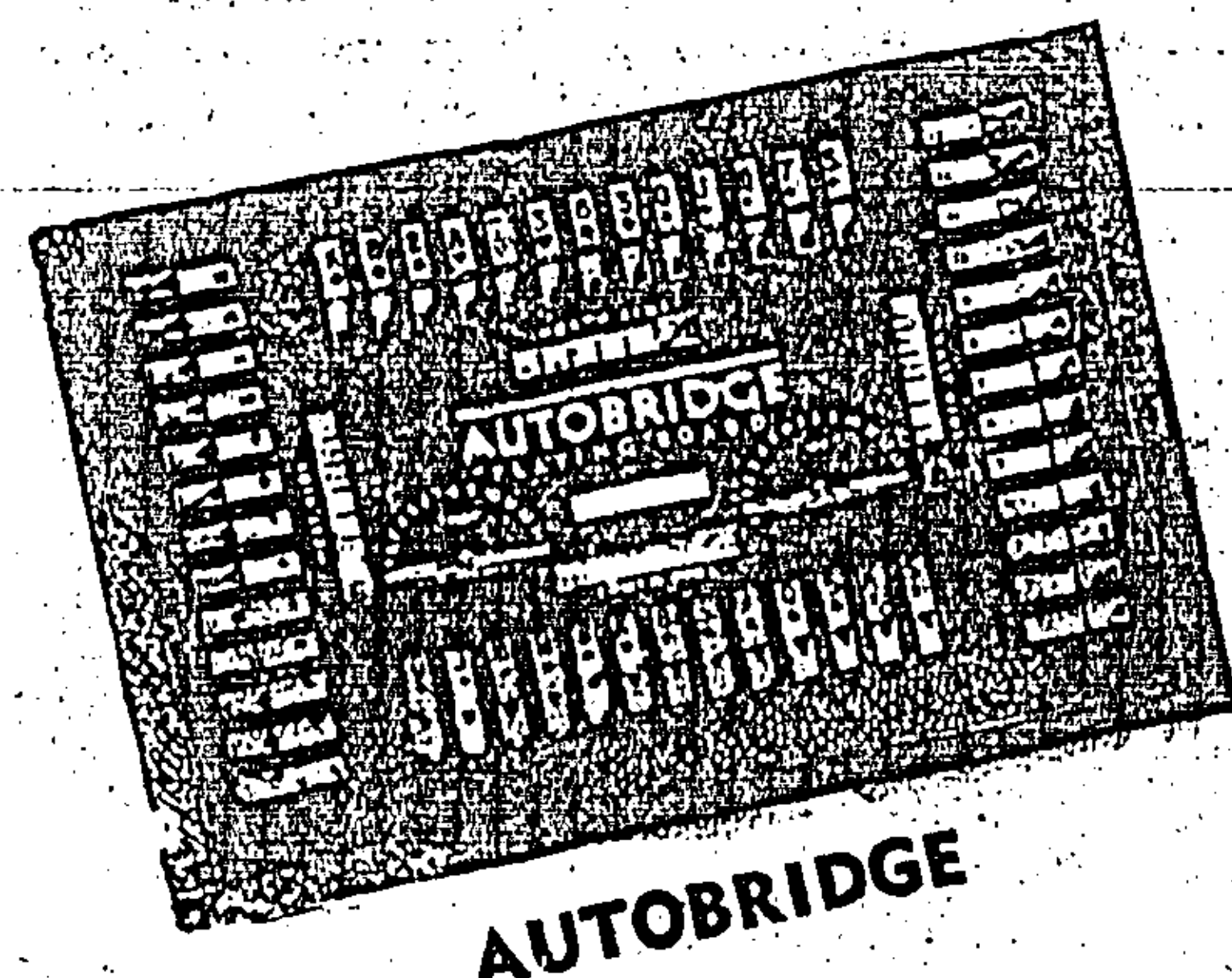
TWO HOURS STRIKE ENDED IN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The strike of Chinese members of Police Force in the French Concession, Shanghai, yesterday, lasted only two hours.

It is understood the French authorities have promised to consider further high cost of living allowances. — Our Own Correspondent.

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ALBANIAN OIL WELLS MENACED BY GREEK ADVANCE

AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ITALIAN OIL SUPPLIES IS MENACED BY THE GREEK PUSH IN NORTH ALBANIA DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SKUMBI RIVER VALLEY.

The Devoli River region is threatened and this is of the utmost consequence to Italy, for from that region comes at least half of Italy's peacetime oil requirements.

Though this proportion is reduced owing to wartime consumption this Albanian source has increased in importance because of Italy's geographical position and her susceptibility to blockade.

For over a decade before Mussolini drove out King Zog and seized his country, Italy had shown great interest and spent much money on the development of this oil field. Italian interests began prospecting as long ago as 1925. Real progress was visible in 1933 when the Italian Government voted 200 million lire for developing Albanian oil resources.

Pipeline Near Valona

The building of a pipeline to the little oil port near Valona was inaugurated and in January, 1936, the first drop of crude oil was carried along this 46-mile pipeline to the obvious delight of Mussolini.

On the seizure of Albania in 1938 absolute control of this oil industry constituted one of Italy's chief economic gains and development was pressed forward with even greater intensity.

Several hundred wells were sunk and it became clear that Italy regarded Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream.

So fast was development pushed that in 1939 Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly compared with only 1,000 five years earlier.

Feverish Activity

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the locking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy, which has prevented Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.—Reuter.

DECREE RESCINDED

A decree nisi, granted last October to Mrs. Florence May Manser, of Tankerton, Kent, on the mistaken presumption that her husband Mr. Charles Hubert Manser, was dead, was rescinded by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court.

Mr. Manser, in fact, was alive, and when the King's Proctor brought the matter before the Court on August 9 he was present listening to the intervention proceedings.

Mrs. Manser's case was that she last saw her husband in 1931. She made efforts to trace him, and his last-known address was at Bear Road, Brighton.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton said the intervention by the King's Proctor raised an interesting and important point under Section 8 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937.

The facts out of which the intervention arose were not in dispute. The parties were married in 1922. In June last year Mrs. Manser presented a petition for divorce on the ground of the desertion of her husband, but this was refused as the parties took place under a deed of separation and was therefore by mutual consent.

"I am not without sympathy for Mrs. Manser, who appears to have been, to all intents and purposes, deserted by her husband although debarred from settling up that desertion as a ground for the dissolution of her marriage," said the Judge.

RICH WILL GET NO FAVOURS

Nobody can have a holiday in a defence or protected area by leasing a house or estate, and owners of such property cannot be compensated for any loss from this ban on seasonal letting.

This pronouncement is made from the war Office arising from a case of a two months' let of a house and fishing and shooting in a coast defence area in the North of Scotland having had to be cancelled because the military authorities refused permits to the English lessees, as they came within the category of "holiday-makers."

No Exceptions

Sir Edward Grigg, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, states in a letter to Sir Murdoch Macdonald, M.P.:

"No permits are being granted except for business reasons, or where urgent family or com-

KUNMING BOMBED YESTERDAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fifteen Japanese aircraft flew over Kunming yesterday noon, dropping bombs on the outskirts of the city. Kai Hsien was also reported to have been bombed at the same time by a different squadron.

Both cities suffered a few casualties and some damage.—Our Own Correspondent.

passionate grounds can be produced.

"I am afraid no exception can be made in a case like that raised by your correspondent, and I am sure you will appreciate that it would be contrary to all democratic principles if, while passes are being refused to tourists, hikers and holidaymakers of the humbler sort, they were at the same time to be granted to persons more fortunately placed financially, who are in a position to rent a house or estate."

He adds that there is no provision made for compensation for house or estate owners in such circumstances, and that "financial loss of this kind is, of course not confined to the North of Scotland Protected Area, but also arises in the defended and evacuated areas in the south and west of England."

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RAID SIREN
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For most people an air raid shelter is a reminder of war, but to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ellis, of Portsea Hall, Edgware Road, London, W., an air raid shelter is an emblem of romance.

Mr. Stanley Ellis, whose home was in Brookesley Street, Bow, went "down West" to see a bit of life.

While in an hotel at Marble Arch a warning was sounded and guests were directed to the hotel's air raid shelter.

There Mr. Ellis met his wife-to-be. It was love at first sight. They got talking.

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Sir Cecil Weir, of the Board of Trade, said that, before the war, the U.S.A. depended to a large extent upon French and Belgian rabbit skins. In June, Britain increased its exports of rabbit skins to the U.S.A. by thirty-eight times in one month. In July it increased its exports by twenty-seven times.

W., but they had no sooner finished the reception at the bridegroom's house than the sirens again sounded.

They spent their wedding night in the cellars underneath the house.

"And now," said Mr. Ellis "we're spending most of our honeymoon in air raid shelters. Still, we're not complaining. As a matter of fact, when peace comes I think I shall have an air raid shelter built in the garden as a reminder of how we came together."

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It took one minute for a barrister to tell a judge in the King's Bench Division that a case had been settled on the terms that there should be judgment for the plaintiff for £1,111 1s. 11d.

NEGLECT
OF RAID
VICTIMS

London should be ashamed of the way it is treating some of its refugee citizens, writes a reporter.

When German bombs drove them from their shattered homes, their spirit remained firm. Now, bungling officialdom is achieving more than ever Hitler could, and the people who held their heads high before the terror of the skies are becoming dispirited and discontented.

This is a vital matter which the Government dare not afford to neglect.

In an East End school I saw the pitiable conditions under which some of these homeless people are living (writes a special correspondent).

It was mid-afternoon, but old women and little children lay fast asleep on camp beds, trying to make up the sleep which is denied them when this building is fully occupied at night.

Jumbled Together

A varying population of between 150 and 250 men, women and children are housed there until billets are found for them.

Some of them had been there close on a fortnight, and despairingly they said that they seemed no nearer a home of their own than when they arrived.

The only air-raid protection is bricked-up windows in a few of the rooms, and into these the homeless families crowd when the siren goes—men and women, boys and girls and babies in arms, jumbled together on camp beds on the floor, anywhere.

"Why," one old man said indignantly, "some of them are women feeding their babies at their breast, and we're all herded together in the same rooms."

In the school playground is ample lavatory accommodation, but when shell splinters and bombs are falling no one dare use it. A single indoor lavatory has to serve nearly 200 people.

Fish And Chips Diet

One family which has lived in this place for nearly a fortnight told me that in that time there had been four hot meals, this description applying to hot soup on three occasions, fish and chips on the other.

For the rest, the meals had varied between bread and jam and and corned beef.

One man of sixty-five had many days' stubble on his chin. His razor is beneath the ruins of his house and he has no money to buy another.

"I've been to all the assistance committees I know about, but none of them is prepared to give me half a dollar," he said. "I'm rather particular, too."

"Two roller-towels are supposed to serve for all the people here. I couldn't stand that and my sons went without cigarettes to buy one for the wife and me."

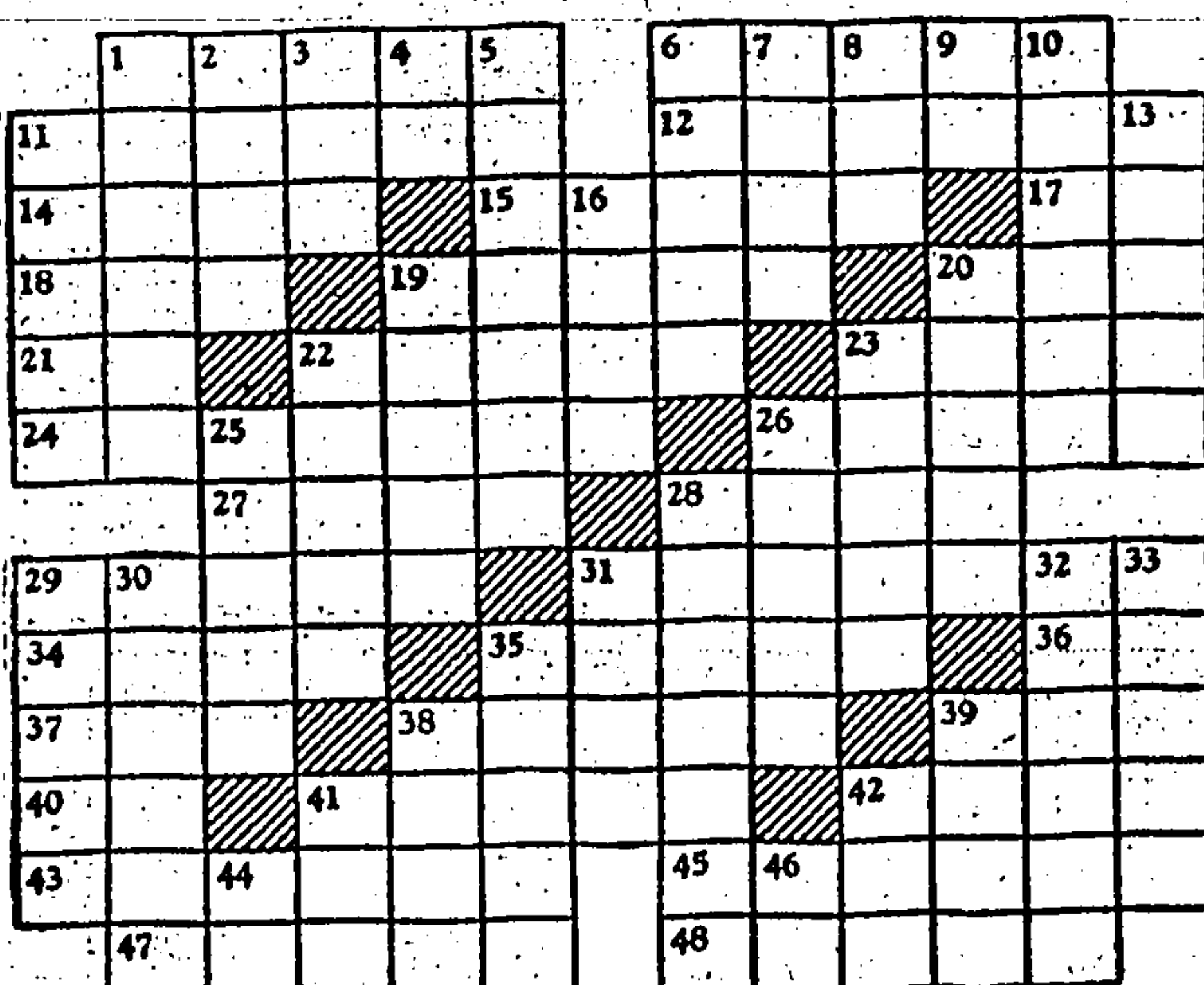
"Keep Them Away"

This is no isolated case. An L.C.C. official who visits the premises said things were almost the same at several other centres of the same kind.

"If my wife and children were homeless," he said, "I would do anything to keep them away from such conditions as these."

"It just seems as though the authorities were taken by surprise when the blitzkrieg started and only now are things beginning, slowly, to improve."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Barrier of bushes
- 6 City in Nebraska
- 11 More alert
- 21 Full of liquid
- 14 Elve
- 15 Parsonage
- 17 To exist
- 18 Bitter vetch
- 19 Burrows
- 20 Large snake
- 21 To act
- 22 Under gate
- 23 Low, murmuring sound
- 24 To make more enduring
- 26 Happiness
- 27 Greek god
- 28 Aquatic mammal
- 29 Maidens
- 31 Song
- 34 To look askance
- 35 Ill-bred
- 36 Japanese measure
- 37 Some
- 38 Movable barriers

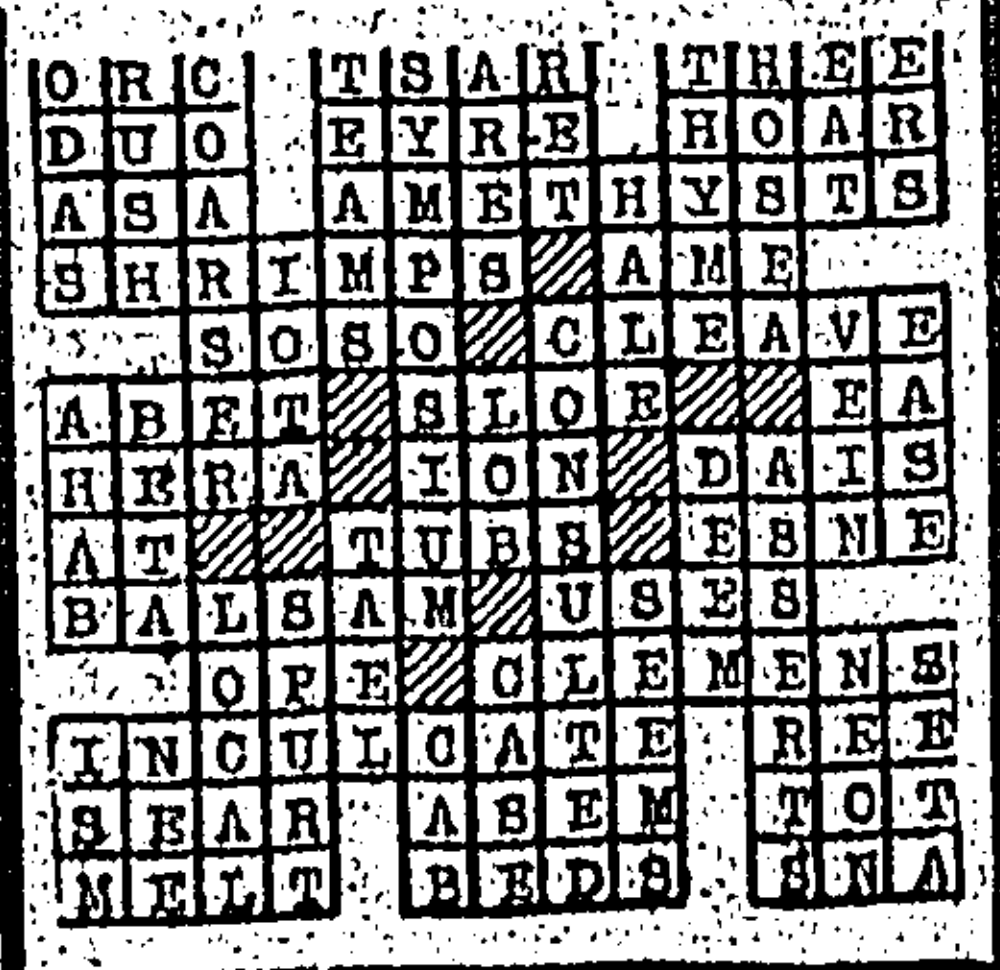
VERTICAL

- 1 To till
- 2 Goddess of discord
- 3 Clamour
- 4 Earth goddess
- 5 Weasel-like animals

6 Proprietor

- 7 Bulkiness
- 8 Goddess of mischief
- 9 Prodigious
- 10 Bowers
- 11 Troublesome plants
- 13 Period of time (pl.)
- 16 Soon
- 18 Small particles
- 20 Constructed
- 22 European blackbird
- 23 Intends
- 25 Soon to occur
- 26 Grizzles
- 28 Briefer
- 29 Ambitions
- 30 To kindle
- 31 Cries of love
- 32 Eaten away
- 33 Sips
- 35 Penetrates
- 38 Pigeon
- 39 To drink excessively
- 41 Archaisms to suppress
- 42 Bright saying
- 44 Sun god
- 46 Note of scale

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R.A.F. RAIDS WRECK GERMAN WORKS

PEOPLE LIVING ON the Swiss-German frontier are so impressed by the persistency and accuracy of raiding British bombers that they are willing to bet their shirts on a final British victory.

Workers in parts of Germany have protested that they are unable to continue work owing to lack of sleep caused by British air raids. Production has dropped and the big industrial works outside Hanover have been destroyed.

In the Rhineland so incessant have been the R.A.F. raids that munition plants are being transferred to Czechoslovakia.

These are some of the outstanding impressions gathered after a tour of the German frontier from Rorschach, on Lake Constance, to Basle.

Witnesses Daren't Talk

Stringent precautions are taken by the German authorities against the leakage of information about damage caused by British raids, and the penalties are so harsh that eye-witnesses hardly care to discuss these happenings even with their most intimate friends.

When damage such as that caused by the British raid on the big aluminium works at Rheinfelden, can no longer be denied, frontier passes are temporarily withdrawn from German workers near the border and rumours are spread that most of the R.A.F. bombs were duds.

Thus, stories were spread that thirty-one dud R.A.F. bombs were found at Rheinfelden, in spite of the fact that, stretching in a wide semi-circle, smashed buildings and chimney stacks are plainly visible across the Rhine.

An eye-witness of this raid said that the British flight was a complete surprise to the Germans.

100 Workers Killed

No anti-aircraft guns were in action and the British bombers were able to take precise aim. Every bomb fell on the target area, he said.

One hundred workers were killed and many injured, but due to the incredibly thorough system of repair work the factory is now partially operating again.

Damage was also caused by the R.A.F. to the hangars at Friedrichshafen, although accurate information regarding this raid was difficult to obtain.

At Bielefeld, near Dortmund, workers in a cloth factory protested that they were unable to continue work owing to lack of sleep caused by British air raids. Production in this factory has slumped tremendously.

Invasion Preparations

All military objectives in Hamburg have been destroyed, while in Essen, too, many military objectives have been demolished. The huge industrial plant outside Hanover has also been demolished.

All river vessels and barges throughout German territory have been requisitioned, converted into flat-bottomed craft and sent westward.

NO RIGHT TO REFUSE SHELTER

Air raid wardens in London have refused to allow people into a public air raid shelter because they had no gas mask with them.

Air-raid wardens in charge of public shelters refused to allow people living near to enter the shelter, ordered them to return home.

In both cases, typical of a number of complaints received the air-raid warden was exceeding his authority. It was stated officially by the Ministry of Home Security.

There is no law compelling a person to carry a gas mask other than the law of commonsense, it was added.

Regarding the public shelters near shopping centres, of the type at which local residents at Edgware were refused admission, it was said that a warden should use his discretion.

If the shelter is half empty local people living near the shelter should be allowed in.

BRITAIN ORDERS A NEW 'PLANE

Some details of a "secret" plane that will be turned out in quantities for the British by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore were disclosed by an announcement recently made from New York by Air Commander C. B. A. Baker, of the British Purchasing Commission.

The new American-made British plane is to be known as the "Baltimore." It is to be a bomber of medium size, and, it is reported, of particularly high power. It has been designed to meet the new needs of the Royal Air Force as revealed by tactical experience in recent months.

Under a unique form of contract the British Government will take all of the new ships of this type that the Martin company can produce before the end of next year. Only the requirements of the United States military forces would be a limiting factor of this contract. Meanwhile, production is proceeding in Baltimore on a large order of 167-B4's—the same type of high speed attack bomber built in quantity last year for the French Government.

DREAMED OF FIGHT—DIED

After his return from France, Stanley Wooding, Sergeant-Major in the R.A.S.C., one of the B.E.F. heroes of the Calais evacuation, developed sleep-walking.

One night he dreamed he was pursuing Germans, and fell 20ft. through a window at his billet.

This was the theory advanced at the inquest at Leicester when a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

SHRAPNEL-PROOF "HATS" FITTED TO CARS

Private motor-cars fitted with tin hats have appeared on Merseyside.

The cars have their roofs covered by a steel helmet with a small space between the cover and the sheeting.

The object is to provide protection for the driver and passengers against shrapnel falling during air raids.

ROME VIEW OF NAZI RAIDS

As the result of a German blunder, information of a most reliable character has been received in London to the effect that the German General Staff recently admitted that the attacks being made on Britain have reached their maximum strength and that losses are now beginning to tell.

A sudden decline must not, of course, be expected, for the Nazis are hammering away desperately, knowing that alternative military schemes would have to be based on a big dispersal of forces.

The Rome broadcasting station, Radio Rome, admitted frankly that Hitler's purpose is to set on foot a revolutionary movement against Mr. Churchill.

"This revolution will take place and liberate the people," he explained, adding: "Germany is not to destroy property and take innocent lives. Her aim is to shake the people's nerves and set their consciences to work, so that they will rebel against their present leaders." Hitler's own candidate for the Premiership was not revealed.



George Murphy, popular Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actor, is currently appearing in one of his best roles to date as Jerry Kelly in "Little Nellie Kelly," starring Judy Garland.



HITLER SPEAKS

Hitler's pep-talk to munitions workers was his most interesting speech for many a moon. It carried the same strange air of self-centred sincerity, striking the attitude of a much-maligned, misunderstood individual; it revealed the same failure to comprehend any viewpoint but his own; yet there was a marked change in the general tone.

The cocksureness of July has been knocked out of him; he found himself apologising for abandoning plans for the invasion of England, committed himself to significant phrases from which the startling implication might be drawn that he has fallen back upon the defensive and is now challenging the rest of the world to try and take back from his clutches his ill-gotten gains of the last few months.

That, indeed, was the keynote of a speech which, as usual, was a masterpiece of casuistry.

At this stage in a fight to a finish, when he dare not trust himself to make reference to events in Albania or the doings (or undoings) of his ally, Italy, he does not pretend any further that the subjugation of the small nations of Europe is a temporary expedient forced upon Germany by the exigencies of a war for existence against Great Britain.

He makes no promise to restore the freedom of the conquered peoples. On the contrary, he regards them as goods and chattels for the purposes of Pan-German sway, to be put to forced labour for the greater good of the "superior" German people.

Not in a single phrase did he hold out any prospect of escape or release. The "New Europe," as it would be if dictated from Berlin, would be a regulated system in which all other nations would be allotted their definite but subordinate parts, contributing to the industrial aggrandisement and agricultural supply of the supreme Reich.

In this sense, the speech might be interpreted, as by some obser-

AS German aeroplanes were falling in August and September at the rate of one a minute on Britain's coasts and in the sea, it is not surprising that a large number of Nazi airmen are in British hands.

So large a number took to their parachutes when their planes were wrecked by British fighters or anti-aircraft guns, that a London newspaper used the heading "Town's shower of Nazi airmen," to describe a little army of ex-fliers who floated down into custody.

The comments made by these airmen on landing afford interesting indications of the state of mind of the German air force, and have also provided the British Defence with a number of unsolicited testimonials.

More impressive than any words, however, was the action of a German pilot whose machine, riddled with bullets, made a forced landing on the South coast. The pilot stepped unhurt from the wreckage carrying with him his toilet case containing his hair brush and hair oil. In his arms he carried his fur coat. It would seem that he had left Germany certain that he would be shot down and had started off on his flight with the intention of making himself as comfortable as possible in an English internment camp.

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Typical of the comments made by captured German airmen was the remark of a German pilot whose machine broke up over the South-East coast: "We lost at least 50 planes," he said, "if that goes on the war will be over in three weeks."

An airman who was picked up out of the sea off Britain's South-West coast, said to his rescuers: "This war is bad for everybody." He was told that "Britain was doing nicely, thank you."

In almost every case the captured German airmen have shown little or no regret at finding themselves British captives. In only one case has a pilot shown any truculence, and he refused to accept the offer of an overcoat that was handed to him in view of the fact that he had been immersed in the sea.

Here are two tributes. Both airmen were brought down on the same day within a few minutes of each other, but at different towns along the South-East coast. One Nazi was found to be wounded when he landed by parachute in a field. A farm groom covered him with a shot gun. The airman threw up his hands with a sigh of relief and said in broken English: "No more fighting, English too good!"

The second, a 30-year-old pilot from a crippled Messerschmitt which made a forced landing in a field of cabbages, was wearing several decorations. He stepped from his machine with his hands over his head and gave himself up to a farm hand. As he was marched off he remarked: "These Spitfires are very good. They were too fast for me. So I'm out of it now."

Another pilot whose plane was forced down near a South-West coast town made an almost identical remark. As he walked towards a farm worker his first request was: "A cigarette and a cup of tea, please."

This was given him, and as his wounds were dressed he continued in good English: "Those Spitfires are very good. This is my heaven. I am out of it!"

An 18-year-old pilot of another plane was quite frank as he was marched off to the nearest military post. "I am very glad indeed to be down," he said.

Among three Nazi airmen who landed on a hill and were rounded up by gamekeepers on the same day was a 15-year-old youth. He knew no English but kept murmuring thanks to his captors in German.

During a raid over Portland dozens of Nazi airmen fluttered to earth at different points along the

coast, inland and over the sea. A Junkers 88 was shot down and one of the four airmen who baled out was seen to come down in the sea. He had to swim a mile to the shore. Civilians helped this exhausted man over the rocks. Then before he was taken away he said in English: "I am an Italian. What are you going to do with me?"

One pilot was found asleep, wrapped in his parachute, and another who landed in a country lane inland walked until he came to a Home Guard and then gave himself up. A third one landed on the roof of a cottage occupied by a man and his wife. In another part of the south-west coast a Nazi airman landed in a lane.

He marched off under military escort, he wiped the blood from a wound in his neck and said two words in English: "Thank goodness!"

Few German pilots believe the silly stories told in Germany that prisoners are shot in Britain. One, however, was a bit apprehensive when two women took him into custody.

His Messerschmitt had been shot down by an R.A.F. fighter. The young pilot lay on the ground. He wore the Iron Cross. The first people to reach him were two women, Mrs. Betty Tylee and Miss Jean Smithson. The young pilot looked at the two women. He spoke good English.

"Are you going to shoot me?" he asked.

"No," said Mrs. Tylee. "We don't do that in England. Would you like a cup of tea?"

"Please," said the pilot eagerly. So a cup of tea was made for him, and the ambulance called for him and he was taken to hospital.

Another pilot, a blonde young German, who came down in the north of England showed his appreciation in a natural and gallant way. He spoke no English. A mistress and her maid, a girl in her teens, were taking shelter during an air raid. There was a terrific crash not far away. The young maid suddenly remembered she had forgotten to turn off the electric iron. She dashed back to the house, but on the way she met a young German pilot, very dazed and green with fear. She was so sorry for him that she took him into the house and poured him out a glass of whisky. He was too frightened to drink it, but she forced the stimulant down his throat. Before he was arrested he kissed the tips of her fingers!

Ten children of Mrs. Parsons, wife of Bert Parsons a farmer in south-west England, crept downstairs early one morning to find their mother and father tending a young German pilot. His plane had come down in a field nearby and Mr. Parsons had taken the pilot home because his hand was badly injured. Mr. Parsons washed and bandaged the hand and made him a cup of tea.

"Good, so good," said the pilot gratefully. He had been told that if he landed in England his throat would be cut but said he did not believe it.

Mrs. Evelyn Cardwell, who captured an armed German airman single-handed when he landed near her farm house in the north of England, was awarded the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) for her bravery. She is 5ft. 8ins. and 45 years old. He was 5ft. 4ins. young and armed. She frowned at him fiercely, told him to put his hands up and took his revolver away.

On the South-East coast a 14-year-old girl, Elizabeth Brown, helped to arrest two Nazi airmen. When they landed she ran towards their machines with an armed milkman. The Germans surrendered immediately.

When one German crashed in a field near Eastbourne, the farmer ordered him to take off his shoes so that he could not run away over the stubble.

One pilot officer of a Heinkel 111 bomber crashed in south-west England exclaimed when he was captured: "Shell got the port engine, shell got the middle engine. Million marks gone!"

Unshaken Resolution

By Robert Mackay

"Each at his post" is perhaps the best way in which to define the prevailing note in the life of the British people to-day.

The 1914-18 war was called "the great war." The present struggle might be defined as a "war of surprises." That aspect, however, is not so much a question of military strategy and tactics, or even one of technical and other innovations of a military character. However unexpected these may be, they can hardly be qualified as surprises. Moreover, appropriate defence measures are always invented to meet any new arm, while counter-methods are invariably followed by still newer methods of attack. It is rather in the political and social domain that the qualification of "war of surprises" might appropriately be given to this war.

What has really happened is that the atmosphere of international relations has become an unaccountable one; or the element of surprise may be expressed by saying that so divergent have been the cross-currents of opinion that it has been, and indeed still is, impossible to assess the real value of any of them. Thus, the course of future events has become a mere matter of conjecture. The delicate machinery of normal relations between nations has long since been upset by the actions of the Leaders of the Reich, who made confusion worse confounded when they invaded Poland.

vers, as clearest exposition of his aims and intentions if Germany wins the war—a frank declaration that peoples other than German are to be enslaved and deprived of the dignities of man as in the most barbarous ages of Asiatic despotism.

It may, on the other hand, be another example of his "bargaining realism," a promise to German workers to get more out of them at a critical time—a promise as valuable as his guarantees to Holland and Belgium seven months ago.

The result of that act of aggression was to render the international situation still more fluid. Even so, and in spite of the scant consideration shown by the Reich to the rights and interests of neutral nations, it still seemed—until only a few months ago—as if at least the inviolability of neutral territory would be respected. But then came the German invasion of Denmark and Norway, followed shortly afterwards by that of Holland and Belgium and the collapse of France as the consequence.

In all these cases, however, what happened did not flow as the result of a purely military attack. What had happened was a kind of composite assault, carefully prepared in time of peace. This process could not be better summed up than in the words of the Minister of Agriculture of the United States.

This is how Mr. Wallace described the process recently: "The Hitler group has made up its mind to dominate the world, by lawful or unlawful means, by means of a combination of economic warfare, propaganda, controlled news and the Gestapo, with the terrorism of an unsheathed sword to cut short all discussion." It was this combination of every means, more especially subterranean action, that took most countries by surprise. Nobody wanted to believe that abuse of hospitality could be an integral part of the official policy of a civilised nation!

That was why the "lightning" war took on an unexpected shape. It was a conjugated effort, of long date, which the Reich has put into practice in time of peace to foment internal disintegration in neighbouring countries, in order to be able to invade their territories with all the greater ease once it found the moment opportune. With all the ground thus prepared in advance, the terrorism of mechanised units and aviation only had to complete the work of destruction which had already been begun in peace-time.

Although England did everything in her power to prevent this work of disintegration going on, she was greatly embarrassed

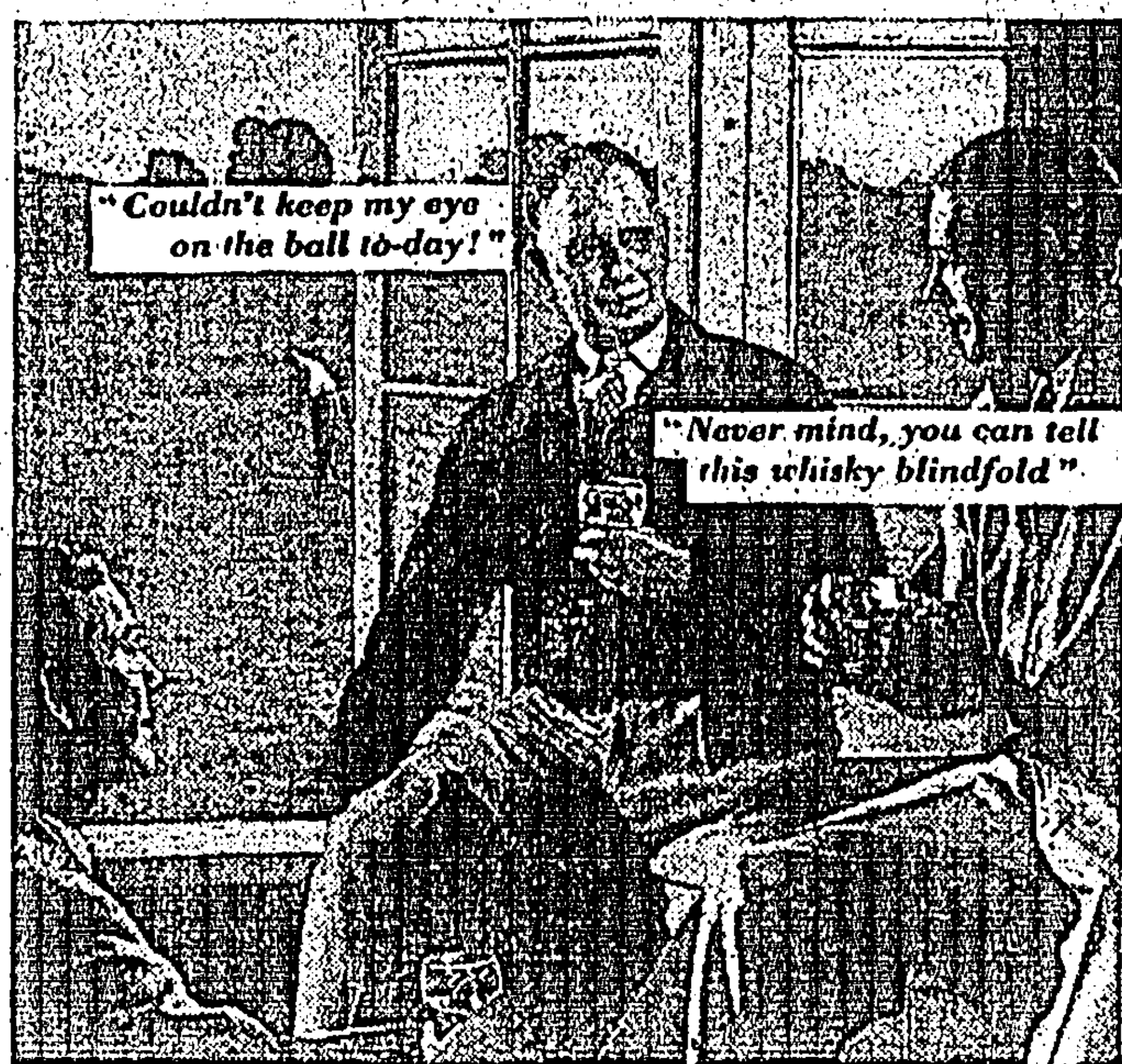
in her efforts by certain conditions which actually existed in other countries, where political leaders trusted to a policy of strict neutrality as constituting an adequate safeguard for the defence of their territory—this, in face of a nation which had long since declared that it respected no juridical concept which should stand in the way of its own policy of expansion and domination. It was the lack of any cohesive plan of resistance that made it easy for Germany to subjugate a large part of Europe, and it was thus that Great Britain found herself alone in the struggle against a Germany and Italy both powerfully prepared for the attempt to dominate the world by force of arms.

The British people, however, is inspired by the same sentiment that the Chief of the Division of Cultural Relations of the American State Department declared to be that of all American peoples.

"The American nations," said Mr. Harrington a short while ago, "are determined not to be dominated." It is evident that the normal economy of a peace-loving nation, more especially one which is profoundly democratic, cannot be transformed to meet the requirements of war in a few days. Nevertheless it is almost miraculous how much has been accomplished by Great Britain in twelve months, and that by the free will of a free people—the essential basis of the democratic conception.

The British people has freely accepted the rude trials of war, fully conscious of the immense sacrifices that will still be required of it until final victory is won. But already the whole economic activity of the country has been adapted to a war economy. The task has been colossal, but the British people has gone soberly forward with it, and it is a nation in arms that is to-day facing with quiet calm the greatest crisis in the history of humanity.

After many vicissitudes, the whole country regards the future with confident serenity. The greatest mistake committed by the leaders of the Reich was to think that a nation which loved peace would not know how to fight with resolution if war came. War did come—the war which Britain had done everything humanly possible to prevent from coming, war against all the principles of justice, of right and of liberty.



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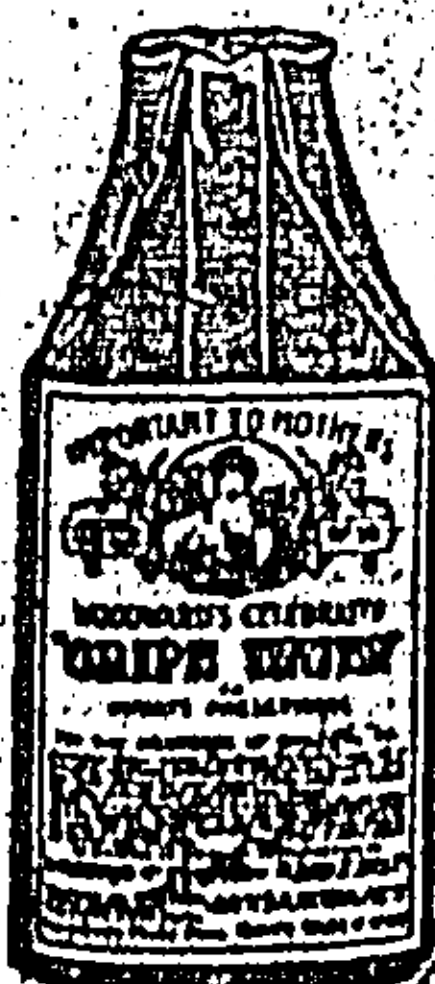
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FIVE LANGUAGES HEARD ON R.A.F. 'DROMES

THEY SHOUT "contact!" in five foreign languages, not including the American, these days on the flying fields of Britain.

When a Luftwaffe raider, dodging his way through the barrage above the white cliffs of Dover, sights an avenging fighter on his tail he doesn't know if his foe is British or a native of one of these countries which Germany has overrun—Czechoslovakia, Poland, Norway, the Netherlands and France.

And soon his doubts will be complicated by Americans of the Eagle Squadron, now in training as the newest addition to the flying foreign legion.

The Americans, under Col. Charles Sweeney, honorary group captain of the R.A.F., will complete their preparations in about six weeks and they hope to engage the Luftwaffe before Christmas.

All the American volunteers are commissioned as pilot officers but the ground staff may be British or Canadian.

The Poles are numerically the strongest unit of the legion. Over their stations British and Polish ensigns flutter from the same staffs.

Strange foreign tongues sound in villages where the allied airmen are encamped. Few could speak English when they reached these shores and interpreters and pantomime had to convey the words of R.A.F. instructors. Soon they picked up a few words of English and quickly learned to fly British planes.

Own Officers

Most of the Polish airmen reached England through Rumania, Syria and France after their country collapsed under German and Soviet Russian invasion. They have their own officers unlike some foreign units whose higher grades are staffed by British.

The Polish officers and men are being fitted gradually with R.A.F. uniforms marked by the badge of the Polish eagle. Their discipline is strict and has earned high praise from the British.

"When the Poles first came to this station they said, 'We want to do everything just as you do, please,'" a high-ranking R.A.F. officer said.

"They insisted on mounting guard though we had to put an English sentry on duty with every Pole in case it was necessary to challenge anyone. The Poles couldn't make themselves understood."

The life in one north-west town has been considerably changed since the Poles flocked in. Now there are signs in Polish hanging

in hotels and bars and a special Polish newspaper is on sale.

Anyone who can speak the language is sure of a job in one of the restaurants which try to cater to the Poles with their national dishes.

Two Polish fighter squadrons are flying Hurricanes now in defence of London. One of these destroyed 71 German planes in 18 days, the British say. A Polish ace, Sergeant Josef Frantisek, is credited with shooting down five planes in a week.

Gets R.A.F. Award

Sergeant Frantisek was the first Pole to receive an R.A.F. award but because of fears for the safety of the Poles' relatives in Poland no further awards naming the men are likely to be announced until after the war.

The Poles also have two bomber squadrons which have co-operated with R.A.F. raiders in pounding German invasion bases along the coast of France.

Czech airmen who escaped to France as the Nazis executed their pre-war occupation of Czechoslovakia were removed from France in British ships and planes after the Vichy government signed its armistice with Germany. Like the Poles they brought their own mechanics.

A Czech Hurricane squadron, led by a British officer, claims to have brought down 38 German planes in six weeks of the battle of London, suffering "very few" losses of its own. It reports disposing of four Dorniers and two Messerschmitts in a single afternoon.

There are also two Czech bomber squadrons. One took part in a series of heavy raids on German-held objectives in Belgium within six weeks of its formation. The other now is striking at Italian forces in Africa from a desert location with the R.A.F. middle east command.

The flying Dutchmen and Norwegians are co-operating with the R.A.F. coastal command, making sea reconnaissance, protecting convoys and attacking U-boats. Most of the Dutch, formerly of the Netherlands naval air service, flew their own planes to Britain when Holland was lost in Germany's Maytime invasion of the low countries.

NO CATHEDRAL CAMOUFLAGE

Cathedrals and other sacred buildings are not to be camouflaged. This is the decision of the Ministry of Home Security, which have gone fully into the problem.

Some towns had wondered whether cathedrals and churches might not be useful landmarks to enemy airmen, and one even wrote suggesting their cathedral be camouflaged.

SAVE SICK IN RAID

Doctors and nurses at a hospital in a south-east town moved patients from some of the wards when incendiary bombs fell on two blocks of the building.

A fire was quickly put out by staff and firemen.

Patients in other parts of the hospital had been moved, as it was feared that there was an unexploded bomb nearby. Families in houses near the spot have been evacuated.

Two bombs were dropped by a raider in a south-west district of London.

The roar of a plane flying fairly low was heard in Central London. A.A. guns opened fire and the raider quickly made off.

Two banks, a post office and a block of luxury flats were damaged when a high explosive bomb dropped in a North-West London district.

Earlier in the evening a raider flew over a North-East London suburb. A.A. guns opened fire. Some bombs were dropped.

What appeared to be a "Molotov breadbasket" was dropped on a northern suburb.

The incendiaries from "the breadbasket" fell on and around the new wing of a school which has been used as an ambulance station. All the ambulances were removed to safety and no one was injured.

More than 200 incendiary bombs fell in an open space, and lit it up like a gigantic fireworks display.

A.R.P. wardens put out the flames.

The fire bombs were followed up by several high explosives. A fierce A.A. barrage was put up by the guns, from which the raiders turned.

It was announced that in fights during the day eleven German planes were shot down. The R.A.F. also lost eleven planes, but seven of our pilots are safe.

Giant Plane Fled

A new giant four-engined bomber surrounded by a cloud of Messerschmidt fighters, crossed the Kent coast in a vain bid to reach London.

The monster raider was followed by three formations each of nine bombers. All flew at a great height.

A police officer said: "I looked through binoculars, and when the bomber was caught in the sunlight I was astonished at the huge size of its wing span. The Messerschmidt escort looked like dots beside it."

The enemy were scattered by Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Last seen, the bomber was speeding Channelwards with Spitfires in pursuit.

Eastbourne Bombed

An armed trawler shot down a German plane which tried to attack it in the afternoon.

A lone raider dropped twenty-eight bombs on Eastbourne.

Casualties are believed to be about twenty, with none fatal.

The bombs fell in a working-class district. There was widespread damage to small houses in about eight roads.

493 WAITED FOR SAFETY, KILLED

(From A Special Correspondent)

I WALKED YESTERDAY THROUGH THE WRECKED STREETS OF A LONDON EAST END DISTRICT FROM WHICH CAME THE 500 HOMELESS REFUGEES WHO WERE TRAPPED AND KILLED WHEN THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THEY HAD TAKEN REFUGE WAS BOMBED.

Homeless after the previous night's raid, the families were gathered in the school, a modern two-storey concrete building. They were waiting for motor-coaches to come and take them away. No coaches came. The next night more homes were wrecked . . . and still the coaches did not come.

Then the bombers came again, and this time they hit the school. Now there is nothing but a yawning crater surrounded by hanging walls.

At intervals the rescuers come across more bodies, but it will take days to clear away this tangled mass of twisted girders and concrete that crashed on the homeless just as they were in sight of safety.

Seven In 500 Escaped

Doctors and nurses dashed to the stricken school in response to a general call.

Of the 500 men, women and children trapped in their temporary haven, only seven escaped unhurt; the wounded are in hospital. To-day only the dead remain.

Three nurses from a nearby maternity home were still there, but there was nothing for them to do. I brought them away in my car.

"It is a terrible thing," said one of them. "These people could have been got away. One of the bombs just missed our nurses' home. It would have been better if six of us had been killed than all these hundreds of poor folk."

All the streets are deserted. The people still alive have gone for the time being. Most have gone in coaches provided by the authorities.

Others have not waited for the wheels of officialdom to turn — they have gone by the best way they could.

Tried To Save Child

Here and there stood a lorry or a private car with a quiet family party packing what remains of their personal belongings.

Among those who came back to salvage what they could from the wreckage was Mrs. Carroll, who was one of the few to be rescued.

"We were sitting there listening to the explosions," she said. "I flung myself over a child by my side, but I could not save her."

"I think my brother, his wife and their four children were in there, too. They may have got away before. I don't know. They may still be inside."

LOOTERS LIABLE TO BE HANGED

"People found looting are liable to be sent to the Old Bailey and upon conviction hanged," Mr. Herbert Metcalfe, the Old Street magistrate, told a man accused of looting.

"One of these bright days a person looting, either from a dead body or damaged premises, will go for trial. Three months or six months is no good at all."

William Henry Hall, forty-five, an A.R.P. rescue worker, described as of Shadwell Gardens, Shadwell, was discharged under the Probation of Offenders Act on a remanded charge of stealing money from an electric meter in a house damaged by war operations.

The magistrate said to Hall: "You can tell any other A.R.P. workers to keep their hands off property that does not belong to them."

"I want it to go out as a warning that the next time there is a bad case I will send it for trial."

A.R.P. RAMP REVEALED

A ramp in bricks for air raid shelters was alleged at a meeting of Cardiff A.R.P. committee.

The city engineer said he had to "scrounge" around old buildings to get bricks to complete communal shelters and to brick up warden's posts.

He had contracted for 12,000 a day and could get only 1,500. If they paid 70s. a thousand, he said, supplies would be forthcoming.

Many factories were selling small lots to people who were building their own shelters and paying almost any price for bricks.

"It looks as if there is profiteering on people's lives," said Councillor Robinson.

A committee is to investigate complaints.

PILOT FOR A WEEK

A German airman who baled out over the south-east coast had with him a document showing he had passed out as a pilot only six days before.

He had a letter from his sweetheart congratulating him and expressing the hope that he would never have to raid Britain. She felt sure that if he did she would never see him again.

An hour after baling out the airman died in hospital.

SPECIAL BREAD FOR JEWS

The Minister of Food has issued a licence which permits the manufacture and sale of the type of loaf known as "chollas." This bread is used for religious ritual and is made only for Jewish holidays and the Sabbath.

MOVE OUT TO AVOID TIME BOMBS--7 DIE

AT LEAST SEVEN people, among several hundred who were evacuated from houses in a south-west London area during the night because of delayed action bombs, were killed when a heavy bomb fell soon afterwards.

Less than two hours after they had settled themselves in, a bomb smashed in a stone and brick wall, killing and injuring those sheltering inside.

A number of people were waiting to be taken in cars and ambulances to a nearby rest centre.

A member of the salvage squad said: "We found one little girl, aged about five, who had been sleeping with her father and mother. When we carried her to safety she did not know that her father had been taken to hospital in a grave condition. 'We took her to a first-aid post, where in a few minutes she was laughing and dancing.'"

There were two raids on London during the night. The first "All clear" was sounded earlier than usual, but shortly afterwards there was another alert.

Building Hit Twice

One building in Central London was struck twice. The first bomb exploded on a parapet, threw masonry into the basement area and smashed windows. The second bomb, some time later, fell in a basement area.

There were many people in the building at the time, but most of them were in the shelter and none was badly hurt.

A girl who was standing within a few yards of where the second bomb fell escaped with cuts.

A block of flats in Central London was also hit.

A number of houses in the east of London were demolished by a time bomb which fell in the centre of a street and exploded later in the night.

All the people living in the small dwelling-houses in the locality were in shelters at the time, and as far as is known there were no fatal casualties, but a number of people were taken to hospital with injuries. Several bombs fell close together in the denser part of a West London district, but they all landed in the middle of the road

and did little damage.

A time bomb dropped in a road opposite a store. Another fell near a church which was damaged in a recent raid.

Sleeping Boy Escapes

A large brewery in a South-West London area received a direct hit and was badly damaged. Only two or three slight casualties were reported.

Incendiary bombs fell on two blocks of a hospital in an eastern suburban district of London, but the fires were quickly extinguished by the staff and there were no casualties.

When two bombs hit a roadway in south-east England a heavy piece of surface concrete was hurled through the roof of a house some yards away and fell on a bed, missing by inches six-year-old Colin Deacon, a village choir boy, who was asleep.

Colin was treated for head abrasions and shock.

Bombs were dropped on several towns in south-east England. In three towns damage was done to houses and there were several casualties, including some people killed.

A few bombs were dropped in other parts of the country causing slight damage and few casualties.

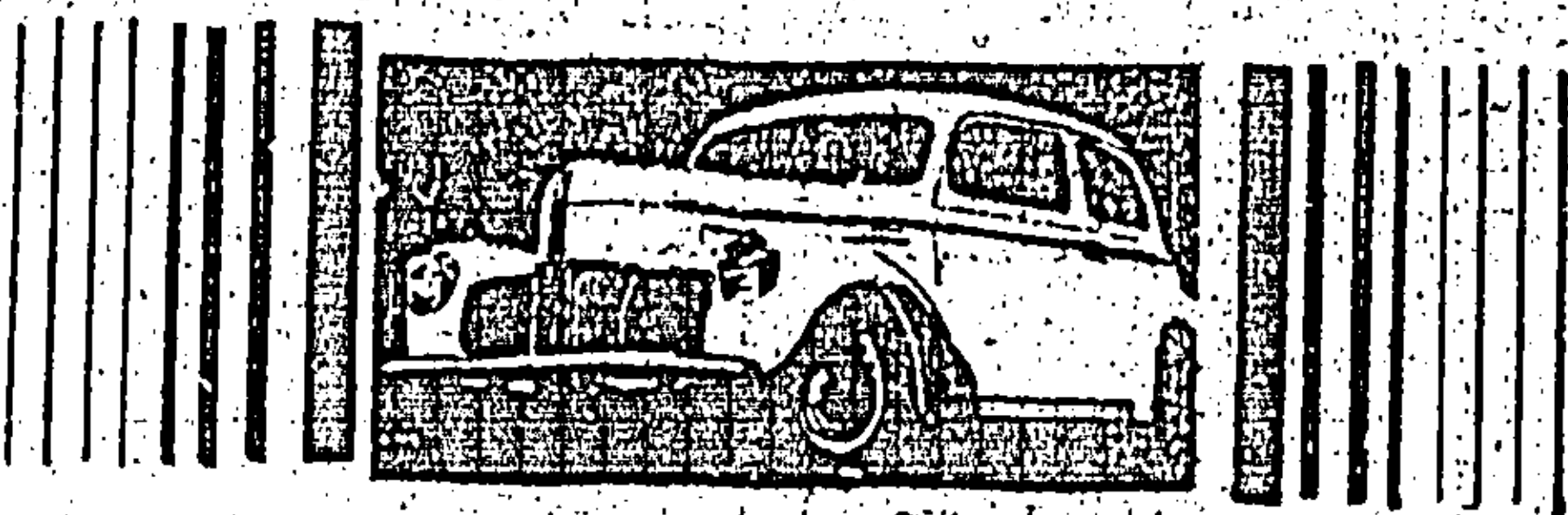
FINED FOR CANING BOY OF SIX

When a schoolmaster found a six-year-old boy shaking an apple tree in his orchard he took him in the house and gave him four blows with a cane.

This story was told at Cambridge when the schoolmaster, Hugh Evans Percival, of Flimsted Road, Cambridge, was fined £5 and costs for assaulting the boy, Harold John Bainbridge, of Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge.

SEE AND TRY THE STUDEBAKER CHAMPION

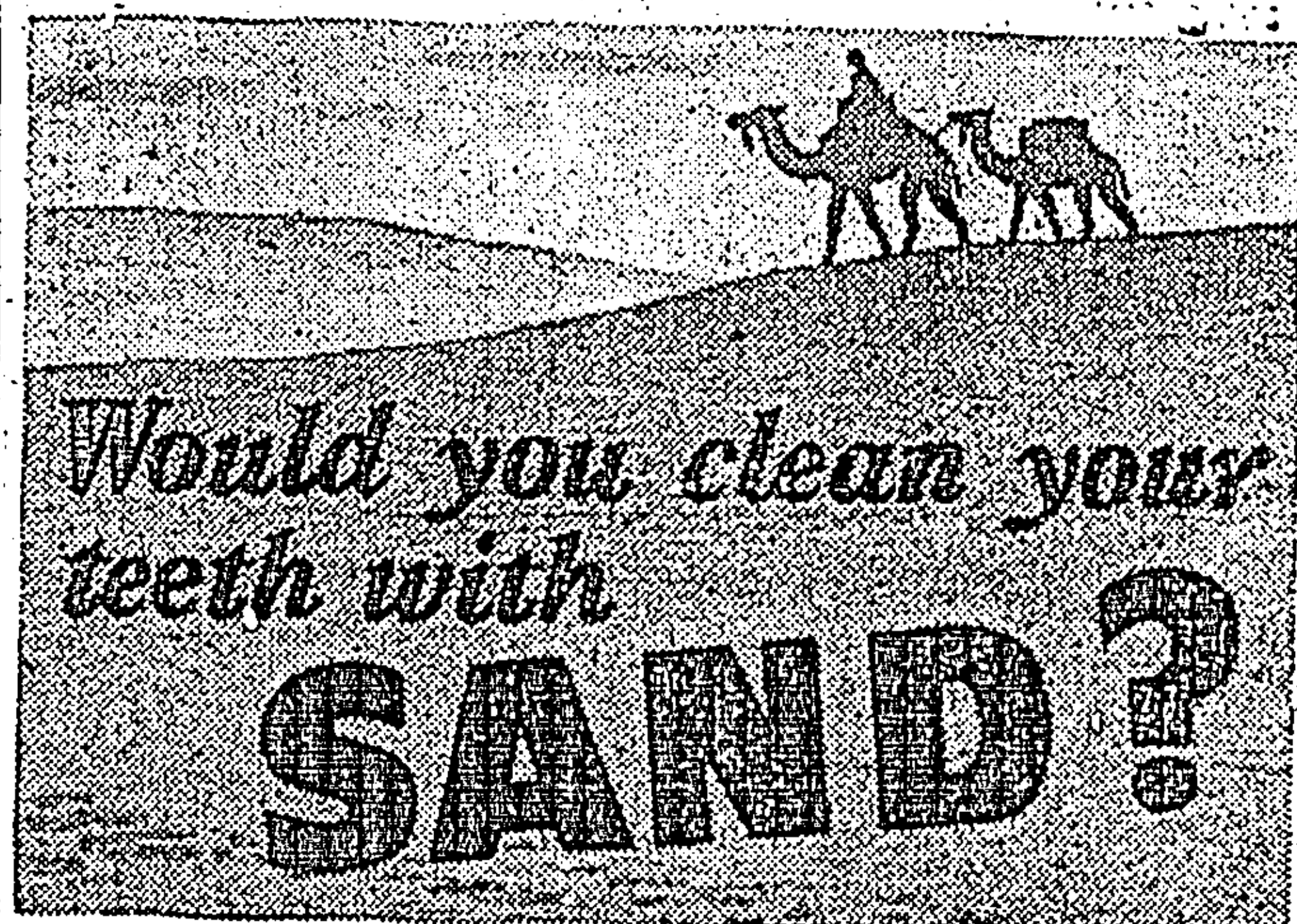
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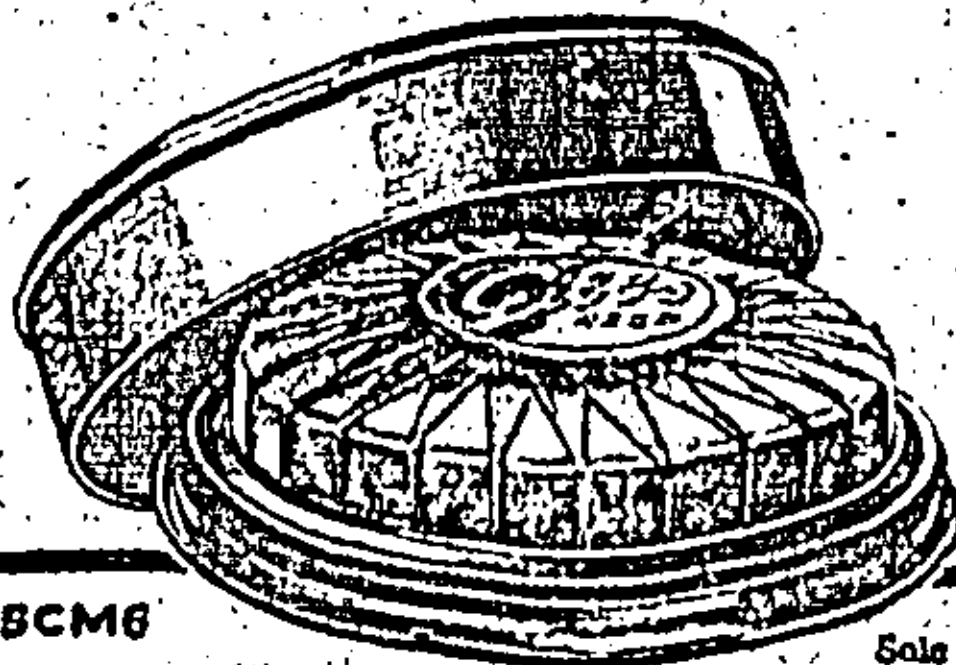
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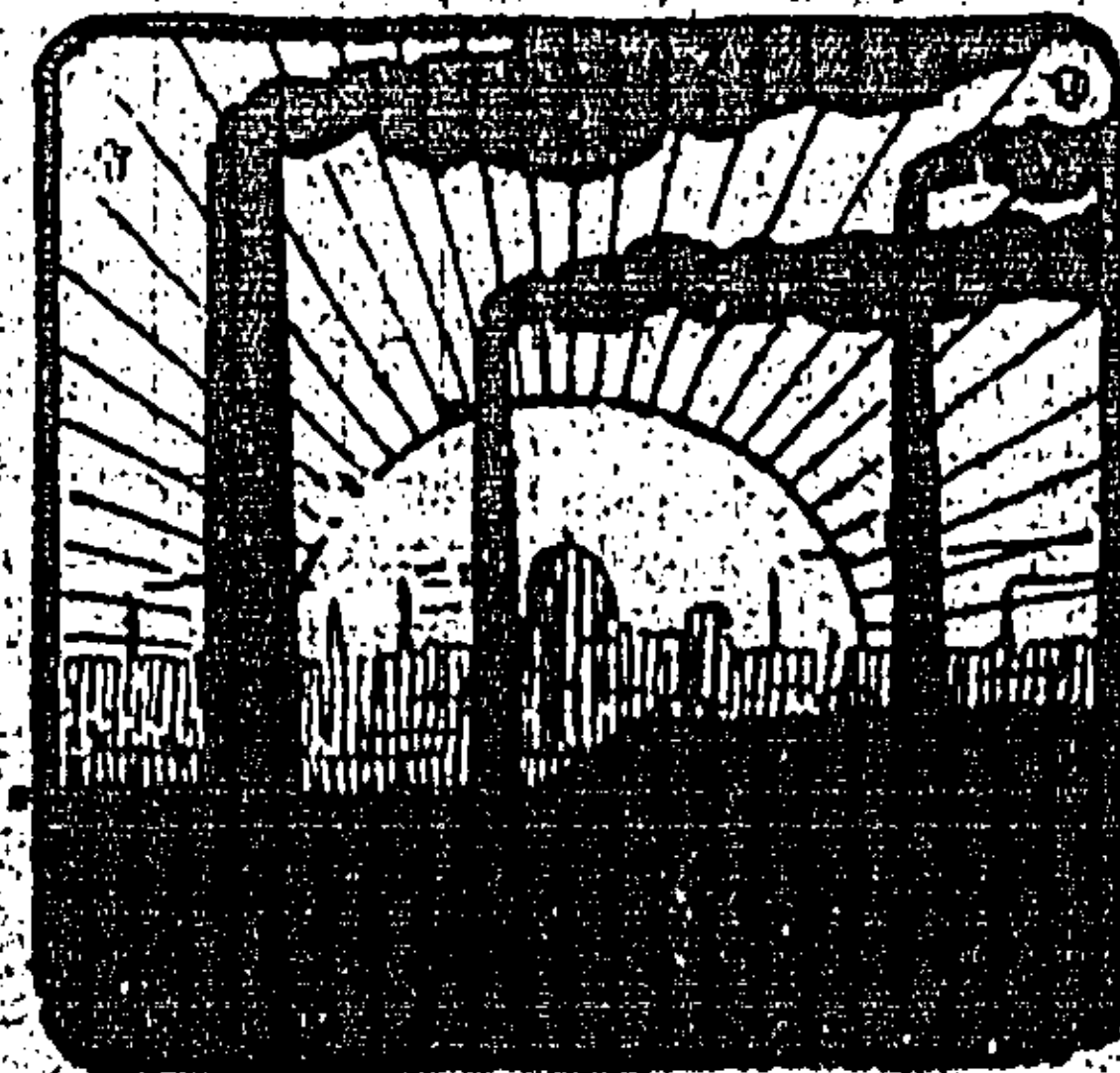
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2833.	Junction of On Chau St. & Cheung Fat St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,080	\$56 \$2,448

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2	Rural Building Lot No. 40.	Opposite the Blind Home, Pokfulam Road & South West of Rural Building Lot No. 32.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$172 \$3,000

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3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4298.	Junction of Kowloon City Road & Chung Lung Street, Kowloon.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 1,178	\$14 \$24

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bridge Swindles—No. 17

By The Four Aces

When an opponent seems to have a choice between two lines of play, you should do your best to snare him into choosing the line that won't work. For example:

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ A K
♥ Q 8 6
♦ A 10 8 7 3
♣ A Q 4

♠ Q 8 6
♥ K 5 3
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 7 6 5

♠ 9 7 5 3 2
♥ 4 2
♦ K 6 4
♣ 8 3 2

♠ J 10 4
♥ A J 10 8 7
♦ Q
♣ K J 10 9

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the six of spades, hoping to establish a trick in that suit to cash when he got his trump trick.

When he saw the dummy, West realised that getting a spade trick wasn't going to be so easy.

Dummy won the opening lead and returned the nine of hearts for a finesse. Right there West executed his swindle by nonchalantly playing a low heart. That made South think the trump finesse had been successful, so he continued with the Queen of hearts.

But West took that trick and returned his last trump. And then South couldn't find a way to get rid of his losing spade. Of course South was very foolish to rely on the trump finesse when he could (and should) have ruffed out his spade after taking only one round of trumps. But West's little deceptive play made South so sure of the trump finesse that he hated to risk three rounds of spades before drawing trumps. In other words, South thought he had a choice of plays, so West simply coaxed him to adopt the line which wouldn't work.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you bid:

♠ A K Q 8 6
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ 2

The bidding:
You 1♠
Schankel 2♣
Jacoby 2♦
Maler 3♥
(?)

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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The bulk of your strength is in the long spade suit, and you have no chance for your partner in defence against a club contract.

Score 100% for two spades; 30% for pass.

Question No. 587

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A K Q 6 4 2
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 3
♣ K 2

The bidding:
You 1♠
Jacoby 2♣
Schenken 2♦
Maler 3♥
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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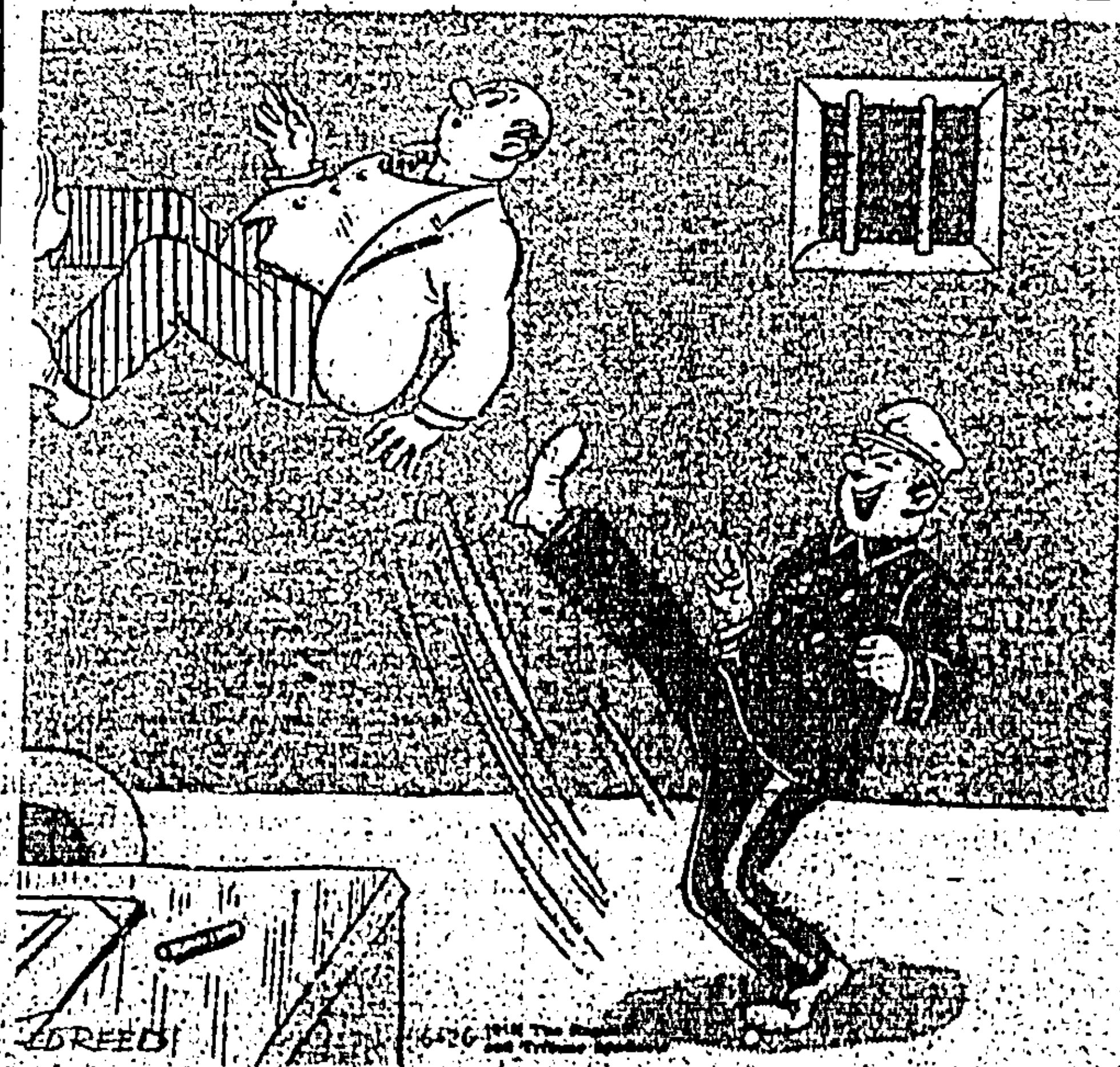
SISTER MURDER CHARGE

Henry Knight, aged forty-six, of Trelander-East, Truro, Cornwall, was at Truro Court for trial accused of murdering his sister, Mrs. Julia Carnation, aged fifty-six, widow of a naval petty officer.

Prosecuting, Mr. R. L. Frank said Knight was taken prisoner in the retreat from Mons in 1914 and until 1919 was a prisoner of war in Germany. The question of insanity did not arise in this court, but would be dealt with at Knight's trial.

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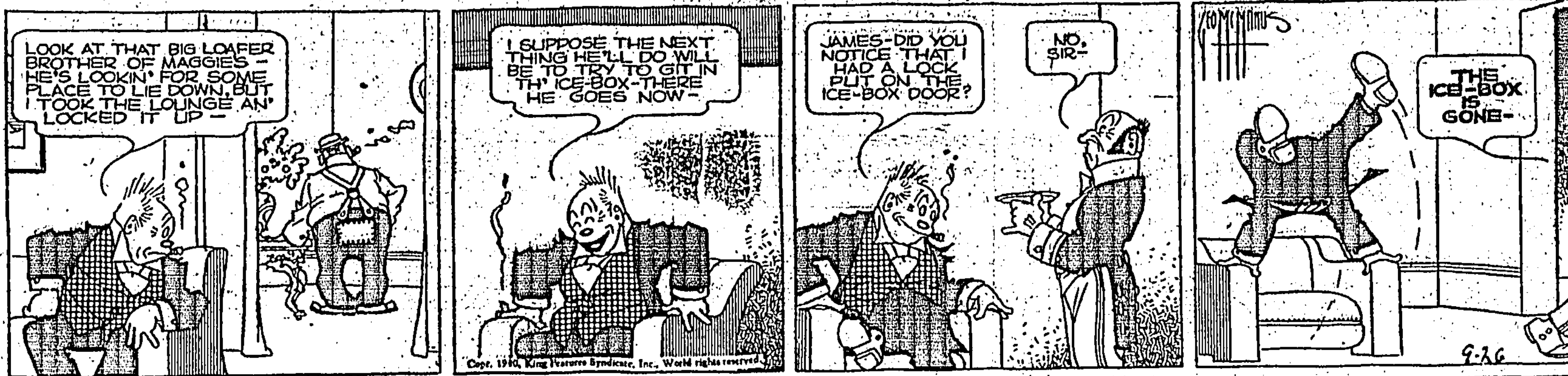
By ED REED



"Sorry, Warden—but it was the killer's last request!"

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN The Tall Girl's Problems Are Considered

It is time we paid some attention to the tall woman who stands five feet six inches or over. We should teach her how to glorify her height and to carry it proudly.

"Curious as it may seem, the face of the taller woman is small in proportion to the rest of her body. Her features must therefore be emphasised with proper make-up. Indifferent pastels fade out completely on the statuesque woman, she should dramatise her beauty with vibrant dashing colours. Her mouth should be well-shaped, proud and generous to match her dignity. As she must avoid acting coyly her hair should be dressed simply with a minimum of ringlets and curls."

Regarding Her Posture

In the opinion of this beauty expert tall women are afraid to stretch and walk regally. In attempting to lessen their height they acquire what she calls "jackknife" posture which makes them look angular and awkward. A tall woman must be proud of her height and stand with feet parallel, shoulders in normal position and relaxed, abdomen flat, chest lifted and the spine so straight that it resembles a column supporting a pretty head! Her movements should be dignified too with few flowery gestures of lunges.

It seems as if tall girls frequently do not know what to do with their hands when they are at a party or waiting in a public place. When such moments of self-consciousness descend it is suggested that the girl hold one hand gracefully in the other and she will look poised and relaxed whether she is standing or sitting. When she moves her hands and arms she should form arcs rather than angles for that lends grace to her movements.

How To Dress

It seems that clothes no longer will be a problem for one designer is devoting all her creating ability to making the tall girl look like a goddess instead of a self-conscious tramp. Through excellent cutting and play of pleats, pleasing proportions will be given to the tall girl's chest, hips and waistline and grace to long arms and necks.



LUCILLE BALL'S five feet seven inches can very well carry this chunky fur coat and her halo hat forms a lovely large frame for her face.

This designer suggests large outstanding handbags as correct swashbuckling hats, brilliant accessories to dramatise a height, belts, dramatic big jewelry and one should be proud of.

Curing That Corn

By Dr. M. Menzies Campbell

A corn is a conical-shaped thickening of the outer layers of the skin, with its root projecting inwards.

The commonest cause is pressure from too tight shoes. The first step in successful treatment is to rectify this defect.

Next immerse the affected foot for at least 30 minutes in hot soapy water containing washing soda. Afterwards, rub the corn with block pumice to pare it carefully with a clean sharp knife or razor. Do not break the surrounding skin, thereby risking introducing infection.

Now apply a corn plaster or a corn solvent. A reliable latter is 10 per cent salicylic acid in collodion. Do not touch the nearby skin.

Repeat this procedure for three successive nights or until the

root is readily removable.

A soft corn between the toes generally arises from insufficient cleanliness. It is soft because of being so frequently bathed in perspiration.

To cure this, wash daily between the toes. Harden by dabbling with methylated spirit when dry, dust with talc powder. Afterwards, treat as for a hard corn.

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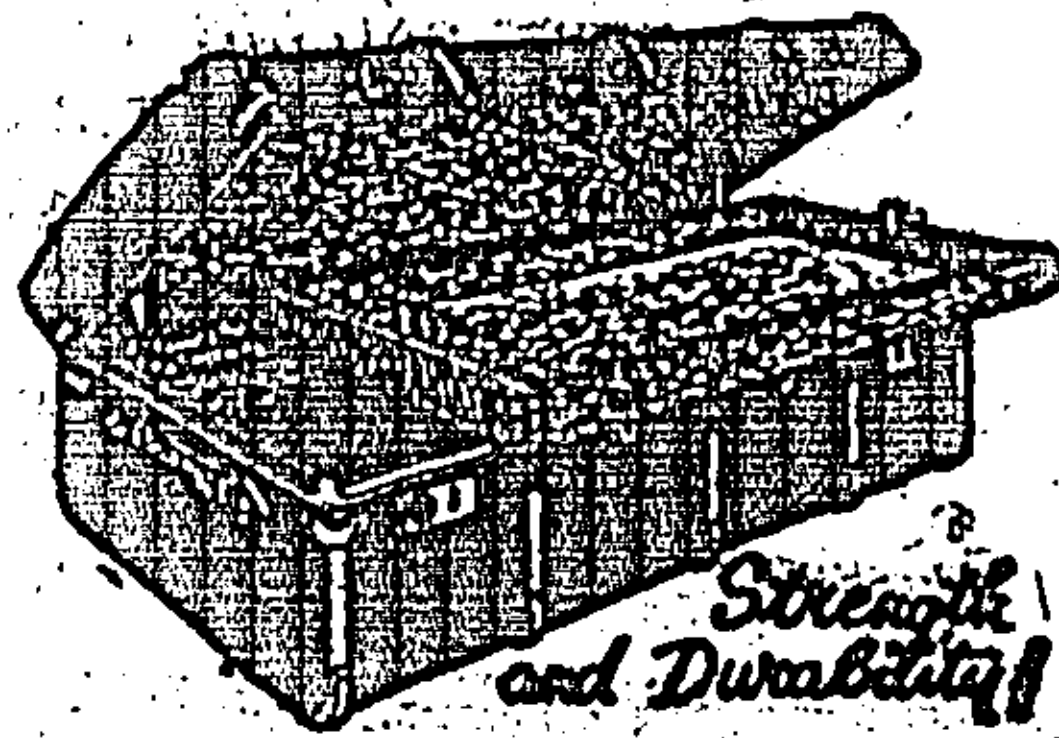
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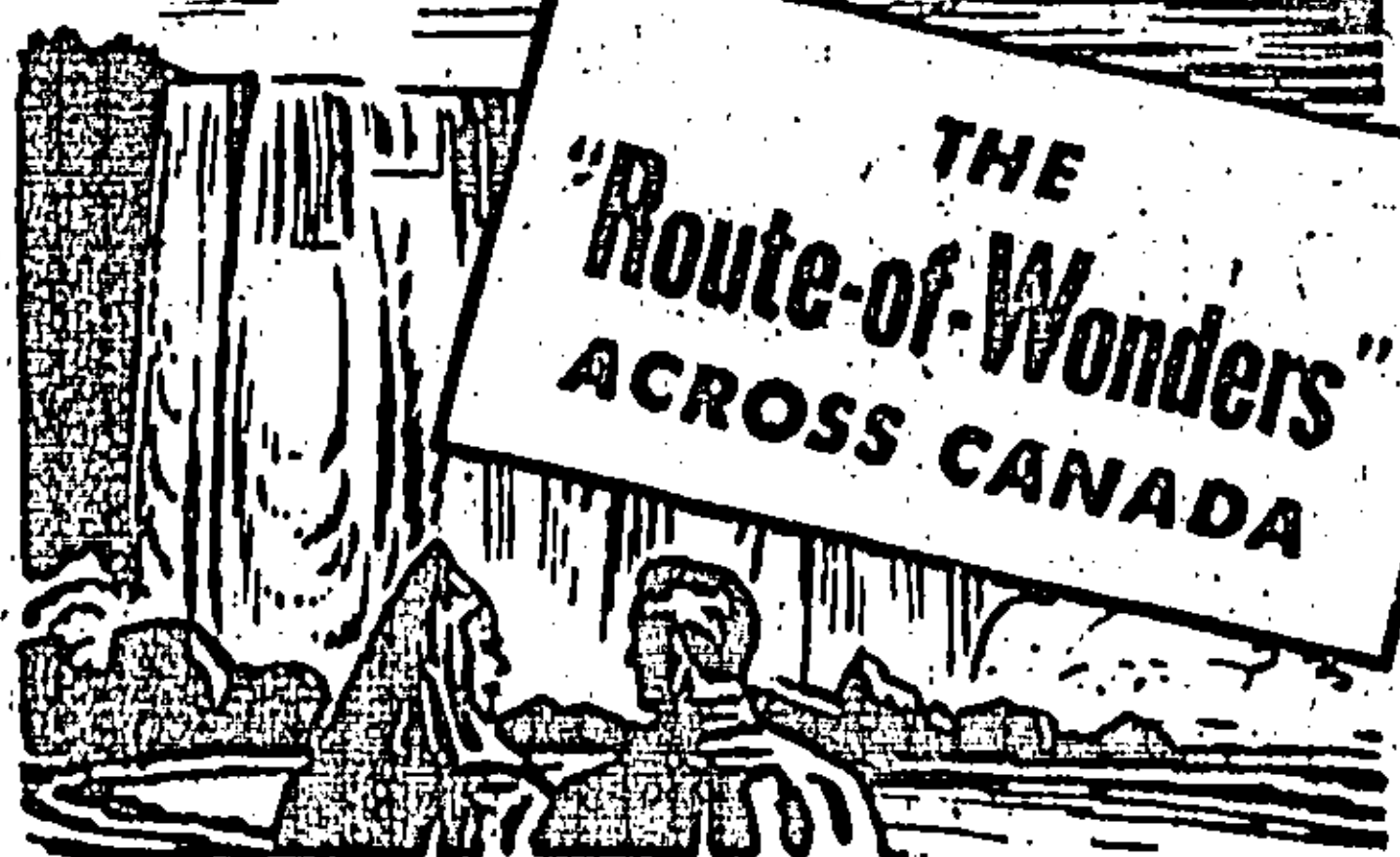
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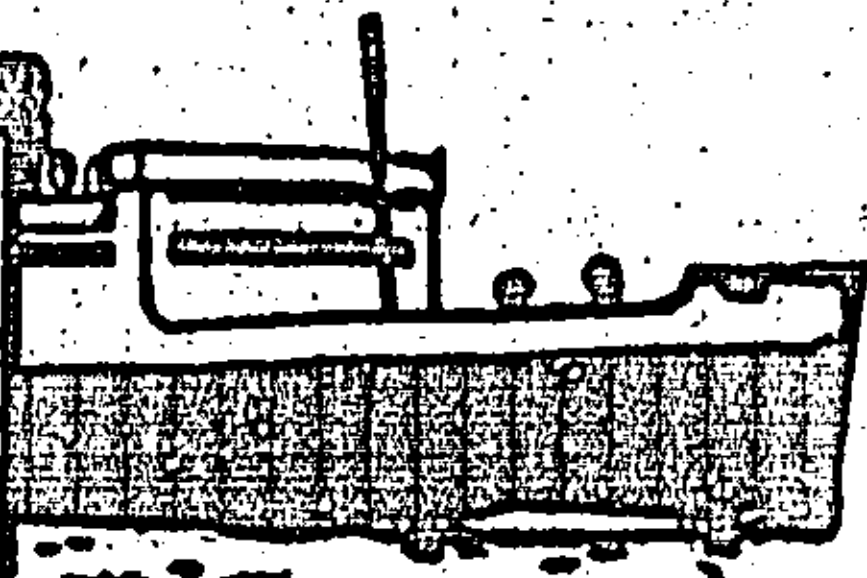
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12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.03 p.m.—Sea Shanties and Songs.

1.12 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Western Brothers in Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.32 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

6.42 p.m.—Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of The Hong Kong Benevolent Society by His Honour, Sir Atholl Macgregor.

7.50 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra (continued).

8.03 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Millza Korjus (Soprano).

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 61, No. 2.

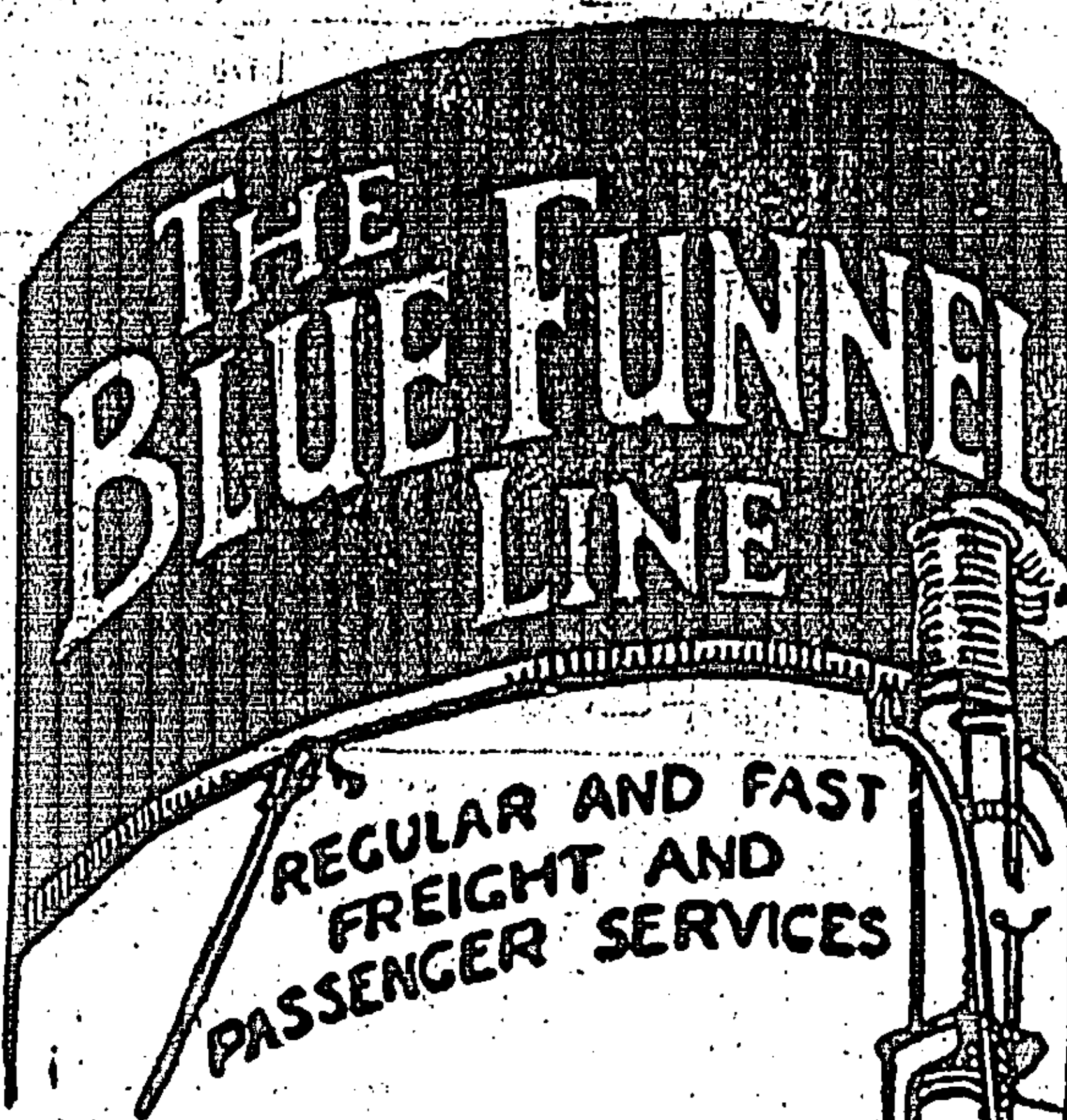
1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante moderato; 3rd Mov: Quasi menuetto; moderato; Allegretto vivace; Finale: Allegro non assai... Lener String Quartet.

10.00 p.m.—Schubert—The Shepherd on the Rock, sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 9 in C Major.

1st Mov: Andante; Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante con moto; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro vivace) & Trio; Trio & Scherzo da Capo; 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro vivace)... London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

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BADMINTON LEAGUE STARTS

The badminton league commenced yesterday when four matches in the "B" Division were decided last night, and resulted in victories for Kowloon Cricket Club, Chung Wah, Kowloon Tong and King's College.

Following were the results.

K.C.C. v Police

Playing at home, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Police by 7 games to 2.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.).

beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21-0

beat A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu 21-7

beat J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale 21-1

J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.).

lost to Gillies and Gordon 17-21

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H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.).

lost to Gillies and Gordon 17-21

beat Major and Siu 21-10

beat MacDonald and Dingsdale 21-4

King's College v V.R.C.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Victoria Recreation Club by 8 games to 1.

D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.).

lost to S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell 10-21

lost to T. Lam and K. H. Lo 11-21

lost to K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung 12-21

O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.).

lost to Chan and Attwell 7-21

beat Lam and Lo 21-16

lost to Lui and Chung 7-21

A. Baeto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.).

lost to Chan and Attwell 0-21

lost to Lam and Lo 7-21

lost to Lui and Chung 5-21

Kowloon Tong v St. Andrew's

Kowloon Tong beat St. Andrew's by 6 games to 3 at Waterloo Road.

S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (K. Tong).

lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 10-21

beat A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis 21-5

beat A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett 21-11

F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (K. Tong).

lost to Fincher and Kew 3-21

beat Brown and Davis 21-9

beat Bliss and Merrett 21-4

Recreio Beaten

Club de Recreio lost to Chung Wah by 7 games to 2 at King's Park.

FOOTBALL

ODD GOAL IN ELEVEN

AT HAPPY VALLEY yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps Juniors defeated a team from Royal Engineers by 6 goals to 5 in a friendly football match after leading at the interval by four goals to one.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY

An R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. combined team beat the R.A.S.C. by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey match at Sookumpoo yesterday afternoon, after being one goal down at the end of the first half.

The match was evenly contested throughout, but the Combined team were on top in the first 15 minutes of play on resumption, during which they scored two quick goals to secure the victory.

Luckhurst played a steady game in defence for the winners, spoiling effectively. Ryan distinguished himself in the pivotal position; being impressive both in his interventions and in distribution, while Sullivan and Hobson were the outstanding forwards.

For the losers, Clarke was safe between the sticks and could not be blamed for the two goals scored against him. Williamson was the better back, while Holden held his own in their intermediate line.

McDowell was very dangerous in the circle in the first half, but dropped out of the picture after the interval, while Gethard played an all-round, speedy game on the left-wing.

McDowell opened the scoring at the middle of the first period from a pass from Gethard, while Hobson for the Combined team scored two quick goals within five minutes on resumption to decide the issue.

Combined Team: — Oakley (R.A.O.C.); Luckhurst (R.A.P.C.) and Reed (R.A.P.C.); Carden (R.A.P.C.); Ryan (R.A.O.C.) and Saunders (R.A.O.C.); Bradley (R.A.O.C.); Sullivan (R.A.O.C.); Hobson (R.A.O.C.); Lyle (R.A.P.C.) and Stow (R.A.O.C.).

R.A.S.C.—Clarke; Sheridan and Williamson; Gibbs, Ashman and Holden; Gethard, Adams, Pearn, McDowell and Stanley.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on Saturday at King's Park:

1st XI v Punjab (4.15).—Benwell;

Taylor and Yourieff; Jordan, Coombe and Dunne; Gluchrist, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and McGahan.

2nd XI v R.A.M.C. (3.00).—Highlands; Grant and Ralston; Croft, Tomlinson and Gorman; Fancey, Spence, Layh, Spare, Dormer and Banks.

CLUB PLAYING RANKS ARE STRENGTHENED

Club "A" beat Engineers by a goal and a try (8pts.) to a goal (5pts.), after leading 8-0 at the interval, in their Rugby match at the Valley yesterday.

Club saw far more of the ball than the Sappers, but faulty handling nullified their attack.

A. F. Walkden, last year's captain, turned out for the first time this season, while R. G. Castleton made a reappearance after his rib injury. J. H. Dunnett was another to return to Club's playing ranks.

H. van Leeuwen and D. I. Bosanquet scored tries for Club and Castleton converted the first try.

YACHTING RESULTS

Yesterday's Yacht Club sweepstake race over 7.5 miles resulted as follows:

Artemis 10.44.16 H. W. Browne 1

Alisa 10.45.53 G. Wedderburn 2

Gull 10.45.16 A. G. O. Mills 3

Maureen 10.45.27 J. G. Hull 4

Isobel 10.47.32 C. Temple 5

Koala 10.48.44 Mrs. M. Johnson 6

Petrel 10.48.45 W. H. E. Coates 7

Widgeon 10.50.06 J. H. Brown 8

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When beer-drinking citizens of a southern town came out of their shelters after a raid, they found two bombs had hit rival breweries facing each other on the main street.

Children kept out of the way of their fathers. Even the beer on hand did not seem the same as drinkers contemplated the coming shortage of their favourite brew.

Finally the rival brewers met over a consoling half-pint. They learned that the bottling stores of one had been demolished, while other's production machinery had been smashed.

They laid aside their rivalry. Now one brews and the other bottles—and the citizens are happy (says Associate Press).

Buried under raid debris, a parrot greeted its rescuers with shouts: "Come on, you bounders. Come on, you bounders."

But "bounders" was not really the word Polly used.

Excited woman, on the phone during one of the raids: "They've just dropped one of them there singing bombs."

County Court process server went to execute a warrant on a London tradesman for non-payment under a court order.

Just as he entered the shop a raid warning sounded and the tradesman ran out to go to a shelter. The warrant has still to be executed.

Warning sounded was the signal for a milkman's horse to begin an outside in lurches.

Tethered to the side of the cart, instead of behind it, the horse looted biscuits, butter, sugar and flour.

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Girls having their hair "done" in a London store were surprised to find—after hearing a warning—the corner of the hair raid shelter had been specially fitted out for them and that attendants were waiting to carry on.

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By "Adrem"

APART FROM THE FACT THAT TWO CENTURIES WERE SCORED, OUTSTANDING GAME IN SATURDAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME WAS THE CLUB-UNIVERSITY FIXTURE AT CHATER ROAD IN WHICH UNIVERSITY DID EXTREMELY WELL TO WIN AFTER BEING SET 178 RUNS TO GET.

The University authorities' foresight in re-entering senior cricket is now bearing fruit. They had a very lean season last year and could have been beaten by quite a number of junior clubs, but, profiting by the experience gained and with the enthusiasm they have always shown however badly they have been beaten, they have improved steadily and I expect them to do quite well in the League.

Lawrence followed up his big innings the previous week against Army with a hard-hit century. He found all the bowling very poor and did more or less as he liked, scoring rapidly but not giving any real chance. Hong Choy's bowling was very much to his liking and he hit him for 27 in one over!

John Pearce made 29 not out and Alec Mackenzie got a few but Grose failed, as he did again the following day against K.C.C. A declaration was made at 3.45 and Cricket Club looked pretty safe for a win.

K.C.C. Again

Kowloon Cricket Club had another easy win, their victims this time being Civil Service, whom they beat at the Valley by four wickets.

Civil Service were given a good start by Richardson and Attwell. The latter was inclined to edge them but Richardson was his usual steady self and appeared to be set for a big score when he was well taken in the slips off Zimmerman.

Perry was bowled by a beautiful ball from Zimmerman which came in sharply from the off and which Perry evidently thought would miss the sticks and that started a rot which was only stemmed to a certain extent when Baker went in and laid about him with such vigour that he was still laying about him when the last man was dismissed. His most profitable shot was a hooked drive which brought him quite a number of his runs.

The Civil Service wicket, as is so often the case, was not very good and one was never quite sure what was going to happen after the ball pitched. Nevertheless Zimmerman kept a good length and bowled very well indeed, while Robbie Lee reproduced some of his best form and gave his most impressive performance thus far.

Hitherto his bowling has shown little life—it is probable that his thoughts have been on the golf course—but he appears to be regaining his keenness as he later, batted very well.

Bad Start

Kowloon started very badly, Baker in his first spell being right at the top of his form. He bowled Anderson with a ball that would have beaten anybody, although he modestly suggested that it had hit a bump on the pitch and its course from then on was not set by him. Imperturbable, Francis Lay was also clean bowled and two wickets were down for 11 runs.

Ernie Fincher and Francis Zimmerman then stayed together and it was then only a question of how many wickets Kowloon would win by. Fincher's innings, although it was by no means a big one, Richardson holding him well on the boundary after he had scored 25.



did much to redeem a lengthy run of previous failures and must have restored his confidence quite a lot. Hung was another man with a long string of poor scores to make up for and this was reflected in his batting, which was possibly more dour than usual. He batted very well for 30 and stayed in until the match was as good as won. Lee had the distinction of making the winning hit—a straight drive that was almost classic!

Baker was easily the best bowler in the Civil Service side and on his first spell he could well be described as the best bowler of his type in the Colony, but the remainder were not very good although Hawkins fooled Rapley with a donkey-drop that, from the pavilion, and to Rapley, appeared to take hours to come to earth!

The margin of Kowloon's victory, on paper, possibly does not look very great but there was never very much doubt in anybody's mind that the champions would win.

C.C.C. Surprised

Craigengower "A" team was surprised by a side described in the scorebook as "Tamar." Ismail and Souza, the Craigengower opening bowlers might have done very well against Civil Service the previous week but they presented no difficulties to the sailors. Wilson went early but Brown, West, Kilbee, Honeywell, Roughley, Allison and Holder, the succeeding batsmen, all made double-figure scores and the very fair total of 153 was reached.

This should not have been beyond Craigengower's capabilities and, although Broadbridge was dismissed by West, Archie Hung, George Souza and Ismail all made thirties and the total was taken to 83 for 3. After Ernie Zimmerman put his leg in front of one of Allison's, however, the hutch was well and truly open and the remainder of the side who, it must be admitted, do not play regularly, failed miserably and were out for 129.

Allison was the steadiest of the Naval bowlers but Brown went on late and took 4 for 14.

INTERNATIONAL'S WEAKENED TEAM

International, who created the big surprise in football circles last Saturday when they beat the hitherto unbeaten Air Force team will be without several of their best players this week, against Shell, owing to Volunteer Camp. Sprinkle, captain and left winger, will be absent and his place will be taken by J. Tavares with Iley, as inside left, and Bodv leading the attack.

Following is International team: U. B. Souza, V. M. Marques and D. d'Aquino; H. Campos, R. Rocha and W. Aycock; L. Rocha, S. Ruiz, R. Bodv, F. W. Iley and J. Tavares.

SAPPERS' CRICKET TEAM

Following have been chosen to represent the Royal Engineers in friendly cricket matches this week-end.

SATURDAY
Away v H.K.C.C. "A", 2 p.m.
Major D. C. E. Grose, Major W. W. Parsons, Captain F. L. Freeman, S/Sgt. Megson, Sgt. Denver, Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Tropp.
Reserves:—S/Sgt. Kehoe and Spr. Goss.
Umpires:—Sgt. Clarke.
Scorer:—Spr. Cooke.

SUNDAY
Home v C.C.C., on Sookunpoo, at 11 a.m.
Major W. W. Parsons, 2/Lt. D. Holliday, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Kehoe, Sgt. Denver, Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Tropp.
Reserve:—Spr. Goss.
Scorer:—Spr. Cooke.
Umpire:—Sgt. Clarke.

INTER-UNIT CRICKET ENDS IN DRAW

In a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army Pay Corps drew with the Medical Corps.

Medicals batted first and totalled 133 with Coombes (49) as top scorer. This batsman hit nine boundaries during his stay at the wicket. Chalcraft bowled well to return the analysis of 5 for 31.

Pay Corps started disastrously, losing three wickets for 6 runs but Murray, with a useful 30 which included 5 fours, stopped the rot and Hemming, going in late, made 33 to give his side a draw. He hit the ball to the ropes six times.

R.A.M.C.

The scores were as follows:—
Webb, c. Pendergast, b. Happe 15
Coombes, c. Ingleby, b. Chalcraft 49
Smyer, b. Chalcraft 27
Bright, b. Murray 4
Shorthouse, b. Chalcraft 5
Harrison, c. Hemming, b. Chalcraft 0
Lawrence, c. Adlam, b. Murray 0
Wyre, c. Murray, b. Chalcraft 11
Britnell, b. Ingleby 1
Don, b. Ingleby 1
Forknall, not out 4
Extras (B11, LB3, NB2) 16

Totals 133
Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Ingleby 8 0 30 2
Happe 3 0 27 1
Chalcraft 8 2 31 5
Murray 4 0 29 2

R.A.P.C.
Ingleby, b. Wyre 2
Wilton, b. Coombes 4
Murray, c. Don, b. Coombes 30
Chalcraft, b. Wyre 0
Pendergast, c. Harrison, b. Coombes 8
Adlam, b. Wyre 0
Happe, b. Harrison 5
Hemming, c. Bright, b. Lawrence 33
Stone, not out 4
Pinkney, not out 3
Extras (W3, B0, LB9) 18
Total (for 8 wickets) 107
Smart did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Wyre 8 1 28 3
Coombes 6 0 21 3
Bright 3 1 14 0
Harrison 4 0 15 1
Webb 2 1 6 0
Lawrence 1 0 0 1

COLLEDGE, LAWRENCE LAY ON THE WOOD

By "Adrem"

DESCRIBED BY S. A. Gray, the Kowloon skipper, as the finest match he had played in thus far this season, the fixture at Cox's Road between K.C.C. and Civil Service was a thrilling affair in which the batting was bright and excitement in the closing stages intense.

Brightest period in the Civil Service innings was when veteran F. E. Lawrence and W. H. Colledge were together. Lawrence played the type of innings with which he was frequently associated when he played regularly for K.C.C. 1st XI, hitting furiously at anything that could be reached and nitting just as furiously if it could not! A good innings, nevertheless, and one, that was nice to watch and only terminated when he rushed out at one and did not have the strength to go into reverse and get back in time.



In three overs, two of which were maidens, the young hopefuls would have had a very sorry looking score-sheet. L. Remedios and Brown, for the schoolboys, bowled extremely well to share the wickets and put Recreio out for 94. This score would have been even worse if it had not been for Soares and Eddie Gosano, both, of course, regular members of the first team.

The schoolboys were never impressive with the bat and although there was something of a stand made by Remedios, Rull and L. Remedios, Alves went on late to take four cheap wickets and finish off the innings.

D.B.S. Beat St. Joseph's

Diocesan Boys' School had much the better of their old rivals, St. Joseph's, in a match at Homuntin featured by some splendid bowling performances. Macauley was almost unplayable for D.B.S. and took 7 for 14, while Asome and S. K. Khan took 6 for 45 and 4 for 37 respectively for the Saints. Whitfield, Ebrahim and Ho were the only batsmen on either side to do anything of note.

In the only other match R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. drew at Sookunpoo. Barner, Emberson and Standing were the most successful Ordinance batsmen, while Murray's 76 not out was easily the finest performance of the match. Lockhurst, of the Pay Corps, took 5 for 32 and bowled very steadily.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET

At Pokfulum yesterday, Medical "A" beat Medical "B" in an intra-faculty friendly cricket match.

MEDICAL "B"
N. Singh, lbw, b. Mahmood 6
Chelliah, b. Mahmood 4
C. W. Hooi, c. and b. Sen Gupta 21
P. S. Bun, b. Huang 2
Amperal, c. Chin, b. Mahmood 19
T. B. Teoh, b. Sen Gupta 13
Tan, Luan Hooi, c. Fenton, b. Sen Gupta 1
Amplavanan, lbw, b. Huang 27
L. H. Tan, c. Huang, b. Sen Gupta 1
L. M. Oh, not out 4
T. B. Teoh, b. Huang 0
Extras (B28) 28
Total 128

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Mahmood 10 1 01 3
Huang 7 1 2 4
Fenton 3 4 4 0
Sen Gupta 8 1 27 4
MEDICALS "A"
Fenton, b. Amplavanan 6
Mahmood, b. Singh 0
K. S. Oh, b. Amplavanan 19
Sen Gupta, c. Singh, b. Amplavanan 9
Huang, b. Chelliah 34
N. S. Ooi, b. Amplavanan 4
T. S. Chin, run out 42
C. Choa, c. Singh, b. W. C. Hooi 15
K. S. Chow, retired 14
W. S. Lee, not out 12
Extras (B11, LB9) 10
Total (for 9 wickets) 173

Bowling Analysis
O. M. R. W.
Singh 8 0 37 1
Amplavanan 6 0 31 4
Chelliah 3 0 10 2
Luan Hooi 2 0 13 0
Teoh 2 0 14 0
W. C. Hooi 1 0 5 0

Police Beaten Again

Police met with another of their regular defeats on Saturday, their conquerors on this occasion being I.R.C.

Pope stayed away from football and turned out to take 4 for 45 and Carey was once again in form with the ball but, although these two were largely responsible for I.R.C. being put out for 113 J. M. A. Rumjahn and H. T. Bayma alone making useful scores, this proved good enough for Police who gave a sorry batting performance and were all out for 80. Arcull took 3 for 21 and Abbas, as usual, took cheap wickets—four on this occasion for 28.

Schoolboys Do Well

A team of schoolboys did not by any means do badly against a fairly strong Recreio "A" team and did well to lose by only 33 runs. Nevertheless I cannot help thinking that if Ozorio had been kept on after he had taken 2 for 1

Three Soccer Interports May Be Held Next Year Against Macao, Shanghai And Burma South China To Visit Manila

THE PROBABILITY that there will be three soccer interports next year was revealed at the monthly meeting of the council of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Wang Ka-tsun.

Shanghai Football Association have replied to Hong Kong's invitation to send a team here during the Chinese New Year Holidays, saying that the matter would be discussed at their next committee meeting. The letter was written late in November and the Secretary was instructed to write Shanghai for a definite answer as soon as possible.

In anticipation of a favourable reply from Shanghai an interport committee, composed of Messrs. G. Guingam, W. E. Hollands, J. McKelvie, W. Chen, J. Skinner, Capt. Peal and R. M. Omar, was appointed.

The suggestion of the Macao Football Association that the interport game with that port be played on April 21 was accepted. The Burma Football Association, whose request to be accommodated for a series of games here during January was refused, have written stating that, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made in the Straits for matches, they hope to visit Hong Kong in April.

The matter was left in abeyance. The application of the Chinese Amateur Sports Club for affiliation and entrance to the Junior Shield Competition was granted.

The application of the Combined Royal Artillery to be permitted to participate in the Senior Shield was discussed. It was decided that they be permitted to enter the competition. No player chosen by them and playing in the Senior Shield would be permitted to again play in the Junior competition.

South China were granted permission to visit Manila during February on condition that they return in time for the Second Round of the Shield Competition on February 21.

Mr. W. Chen, of South China, said that his club had only one fixture during the period they hoped to be away and that there would be no interruption of the fixtures.

They had only one game during that period and this could be played off before their departure.

Permission for Annual match in aid of Hospital Christmas comforts between the University and Hospital Staff, to be played on Sunday, was granted. A donation of \$100 to this fund was also made.

It was also decided that a donation of £25 be made to Courtney, of Middlesex, for comforts while in hospital. Courtney is in hospital in England, suffering from the effects of a lorry accident while in Hong Kong.

A charity game between the Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony was arranged for New Year's day in aid of the B.W.O.F. and "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

REST TEAMS FOR CHARITY GAMES

Following have been chosen to represent the Rest of the Association in the charity games at Causeway Bay on Sunday, December 22:

Rest "A":—Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police); (Capt.) and D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex); and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phillips (Navy); Le Page (Navy); Hendy (Navy); Howlett (Police); and Marable (Middlesex).
Reserves:—Huggins (St. Joseph's); Honeywell (Navy); Saw (Middlesex); and Blake (Kowloon).
Rest "B":—Reynolds (Ordnance); Roughley (Navy); (Capt.) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Maxwell (Kowloon); Parnaby (Royal Scots) and North (Police); Owens (20th Battery); Pelham (Engineers); Fox (Engineers); O'Brien (Navy) and Bickford (Club).
Reserves:—Britt (Navy); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy) and Towler (Club).
Team Manager:—J. Skinner.

ENGLAND'S STRONG XI

Following have been chosen to represent England against Portugal in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition on Boxing Day:

Robinson (Navy); Roughley (Navy) and Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police); Bright (Middlesex); (Capt.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Coomer (Middlesex); Le Page (Navy); Hendy (Navy); Fox (Engineers) and Bickford (Club).
Reserves:—Moxham (Engineers); Britt (Navy); Parker (Middlesex); Strance (Club); Honeywell (Navy); Thomas (Middlesex); Saw (Middlesex); Barber (Navy); Fowler (Club) and Marable (Middlesex).

SOCCER SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Senior Shield competition and the Preliminary Round of the Junior Competition:

SENIOR
Sing Tao v Middlesex
South China v Club
Royal Artillery v Eastern
Kwong Wah v Kowloon
Byes:—St. Joseph's, Police, Royal Scots and Navy.
JUNIOR
Middlesex v Service Corps
30th R.A. v Ordnance
Royal Scots v Chinese Sports Club
Engineers v Kowloon
Kit Chee v Sing Tao "A"
36th R.A. v Club
12th R.A. v 24th R.A.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP DRAW

Following is the draw for the Semi-final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition:

CHRISTMAS DAY
Scotland v China (holders)
(Boundary Road, 3.30 p.m.)
BOXING DAY
Portugal v England
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)

Saints' Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football match against Sing Tao on Sunday:—S. Tsang; A. J. Hussain and A. J. Leonard; W. Maher, G. Fernandes and Lau Wing-kong; R. M. Cruz, C. Santos, C. MacDonald, J. Gomes and A. R. Leonard.
Reserves:—T. Ali, J. Bowen and A. Runjahn.

Owing to Volunteer Camp the Third Division football match between the A.S.A. and 24th Royal Artillery scheduled for Sunday, December 15 has been postponed.

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KONOYE CABINET MAY SHAKE OUT MODERATES

Mr. Matsuoka Disappoints The Firebrands

TANGIER ISSUE REVIVED

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO THE ITALIAN SUBMARINES AT TANGIER, MR. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO A QUESTION.

There has been a delay in the repairs to Italian submarines which took refuge in the International Zone some weeks ago, he said, and they are not yet seaworthy.

The Spanish Government has granted them a further period in which to complete repairs. — Reuter.

Spain Left Under No Misapprehension

In the meantime, said Mr. Butler, the British Ambassador had put the whole British case regarding Tangier in a very strong and definite light to the Spanish Government.

Dealing with a suggestion that the Spanish authorities were erecting permanent fortifications at Tangier, Mr. Butler said his information did not indicate such a development.

The British Government was watching the situation closely and the Spanish Government was left in no doubt as to the importance the British Government attached to the question. — Reuter.

Stormy Diet Sessions Predicted

WITH THE RAPID APPROACH OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE A STORMY SESSION OF THE DIET AN EARLY MAJOR RESHUFFLE OF THE KONOYE CABINET IS RUMOURED — AS AN EXPEDIENT TO ENLIST MORE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE INCREASINGLY BITTER STRIFE BETWEEN RIGHTIST EXTREMISTS AND THE MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN JAPANESE POLITICS.

Any changes would mainly affect Ministers who have fallen in bad favour with the pro-Nazi camp.

These are rumoured to include the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka; the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, and the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kobayashi.

Mr. Matsuoka, who has been rather mild in word and deed for one of his radical reputation, is reported to have lost the confidence of the pro-Nazi camp by virtue of his appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Shiratori, ex-Ambassador to Germany, and at present official "adviser" to the Foreign Minister, is said to be bitterly opposed to Admiral Nomura's appointment.

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ITALIANS DON'T LIKE IT

THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED ALL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE FRONTIER WITH GREECE AND ALBANIA, SAYS A BELGRADE MESSAGE.

This has been done to "safeguard the neutrality of Yugoslavia in the present conflict between Italy and Greece." — Reuter.

FAR EAST FREE FRENCH MOVEMENT

Evidence of the growing strength of the Free French movement in the Far East was furnished yesterday by the appointment by General de Gaulle of a representative in Singapore.

He is M. Guy de Schrompre, former consular official in Tientsin. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

News of the capture of Sidi Barrani suggests that the British arms have scored a decisive success which, if followed up resolutely and hard, may have tremendous repercussions on the morale of the Italians and on the internal political situation in Italy.

From bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination, says Reuter's military commentator, with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. The two must be considered together.

At all points, the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results. — Reuter.

Detained by the Japanese naval authorities at Hoihow to "verify its nationality" since last Friday, the s.s. Hellenic Trader, flying the Panama flag, was granted clearance last night, according to the local agents.

The ship, it was stated, was preparing to leave at dawn to-day. As the vessel is in a damaged condition, it will probably not reach Hong Kong until early on Saturday.

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SIDI BARRANI CAPTURED ITALIANS BROKEN UP IN DISORDER

NAVAL UNITS BOMBARDING RETREATING FORCE

British naval forces have been harassing enemy retreating along the coast during Tuesday night and on Wednesday, says a naval communique issued in Cairo.

They have also been bombarding enemy columns on roads round Sollum.—Reuter.

Smashing Triumph Of British Strategy

SIDI BARRANI, SPEARHEAD OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE INTO EGYPT FROM LIBYA, HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE IMPERIAL BRITISH FORCES WHICH ON MONDAY COMMENCED A BLITZKRIEG ASSAULT ON THE FORTIFIED CAMPS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE EGYPTIAN BORDER BY MARSHAL GRAZIANI'S FORCES.

This new triumph, which follows the capture by British mechanised forces of Bugbug on Tuesday, means that a large part of two Italian divisions—mainly composed of Libyan troops though including some Black Shirts—have either been captured or annihilated.

SOVIET'S HINT TO BULGARIA

If Bulgaria grants a free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian Black Sea ports of Burgas and Varna.

This is what the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Soboleff, told King Boris during his recent visit to Sofia, according to well-informed sources in the Bulgarian capital, writes the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency in a despatch from the Turkish capital yesterday.

King Boris confirmed to M. Soboleff that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite Pact, but the King avoided a direct reply, making Bulgarian adhesion dependent on the Soviet Union.

German propaganda, says the correspondent, immediately distributed numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union.

The Bulgarian police established that the pamphlets originated in the propaganda section of the German Legation.—Reuter.

VIOLENT BATTLE IN THE TEVELI SECTOR

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav-Albanian Frontier)

VIOLENT FIGHTING continued yesterday in the Teveli sector, where the Italians, who have been reinforced, are making desperate efforts to prevent the Greeks from descending into the river valley.

In the Skumbi Valley, which leads to Elbasan, the Greeks have advanced to positions in front of Vreпка.

Desperate Italian counter-attacks, intended to hold up Greek progress, have failed.

North of Podgradetz, where fierce fighting is progressing, the Greeks are maintaining their positions despite all attacks.

Along the Lake Ochrida coast road the Greeks have advanced slightly despite snow and rain.

Groups of Italians are crossing the border to surrender to the Yugoslav authorities.

Port Of Valona Bombed

The R.A.F. again bombed Valona on Tuesday and a vessel in harbour was hit while other bombs fell among buildings, a munition dump and in a motor transport park.

This was announced at R.A.F. headquarters in Greece yesterday. It was added that all British aircraft returned safely to base.

Rain And Snow

The Greek army continues to advance according to plan, said Athens radio last night, in continuous rain and snow and is pursuing the enemy.

On the left flank the enemy (Questions on Page 16)

RAIDERS ACTIVE IN CHANNEL

Small numbers of enemy aircraft have been active over the Channel and the south-east coast of England during daylight yesterday and bombs were dropped in a town on the south-east coast shortly after noon.

These, says, an Air Ministry communique, demolished some

A special Cairo communique yesterday stated: "This afternoon Sidi Barrani was captured, with a large number of prisoners including three generals.

Advanced elements of our mechanised forces are now operating westwards and considerable additional captures have been made."

The success of the British around Sidi Barrani, it was stated in Cairo yesterday, was the outcome of well-planned strategy.

British armoured forces first attacked the enemy's right flank and then forced their way to the rear while a fierce British frontal attack was launched against enemy positions at Maktila, 15 miles east of Sidi Barrani.

This frontal attack was completely successful.

On finding themselves cut off from the rear, the Italians became disorganised when attacked from all sides.

Egyptians Thrilled

The capture of Sidi Barrani was announced at places of public entertainment throughout Cairo and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm, Egyptians raising cheers for England.

The press features the news on the front pages, and the newspaper "El Ahram" uses for headline a verse from the Koran: "Our possession returned to us."

"A truly magnificent war," was how a high Egyptian Government official described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to Reuter in Cairo.

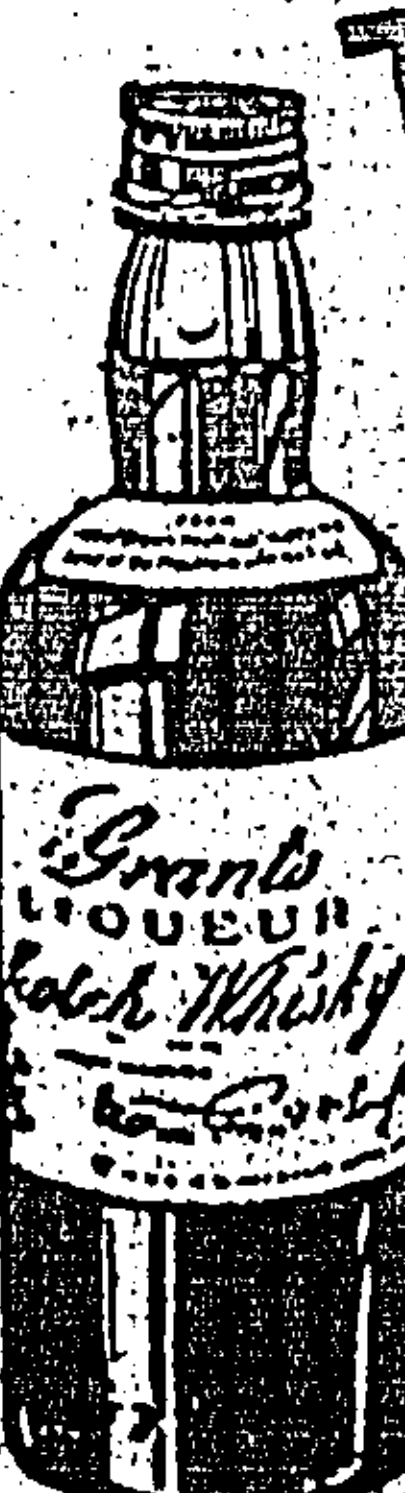
He said the news would cause a sensation throughout Egypt.

"This smashing Italian defeat removes any possible doubt concerning the safety of Egypt," he declared.—Reuter.

shops and houses and caused a small number of casualties.

It was added that one enemy aircraft was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters without loss.—Reuter.

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UNCEASING ACTIVITY BY R.A.F. OVER DESERT

Camps, Concentrations And Transport Bombed

Command Of The Air Established

THE BOMBING of all Italian aerodromes in the Libyan desert continued throughout Tuesday; two enemy camps, troop concentrations and motor transport were repeatedly bombed, stated an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Six enemy aircraft were certainly shot down while three others were seen falling out of control.

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FRENCH AID IN DESERT OFFENSIVE

The part taken by the Free French Forces in the Egyptian offensive, in co-operation with the British forces, was described in a communique from General de Gaulle's Headquarters in London yesterday.

The communique states that advanced units of French troops have taken a number of prisoners and war material in the Sidi Barrani district.

It adds that a battalion of marines has been specially mentioned in army quarters by General de Gaulle.

"At the frontier of Chad and Libya, Free French Forces have completely occupied a zone of French territory." — Reuters.

Further enemy aircraft were destroyed on El-Aden aerodrome during a particularly heavy raid on Tuesday night.

High explosive bombs, set fire to several hangars while direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft, several of which exploded. Fires were visible 60 miles away.

In the Bardia-Sollum area many bombs were dropped on motor transport concentrations, while the enemy camp at Sofafi was heavily bombed.

Sollum Attacked

The Fleet Air Arm cooperated with the R.A.F. in attacking barracks at Bardia and the escarpment road at Sollum, while other aircraft bombed the landing ground.

One enemy aircraft on the ground at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10. In addition to a further unknown number destroyed, on badly damaged.

During these operations, which continued throughout 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return to base. — Reuters.

CANADIAN AIR ACE IN COMMAND

A CANADIAN AIR "ACE" IS LEADING THE R.A.F. SQUADRONS WHICH HAVE COMPLETELY DOMINATED THE AIR OVER THE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT.

He is Air Commodore Raymond Collishaw, who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war. — Reuters.

MIDDLE EAST STIR

NEWS OF THE BRITISH SUCCESS IN THE WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PARTICULARLY IN EGYPT AND GREECE.

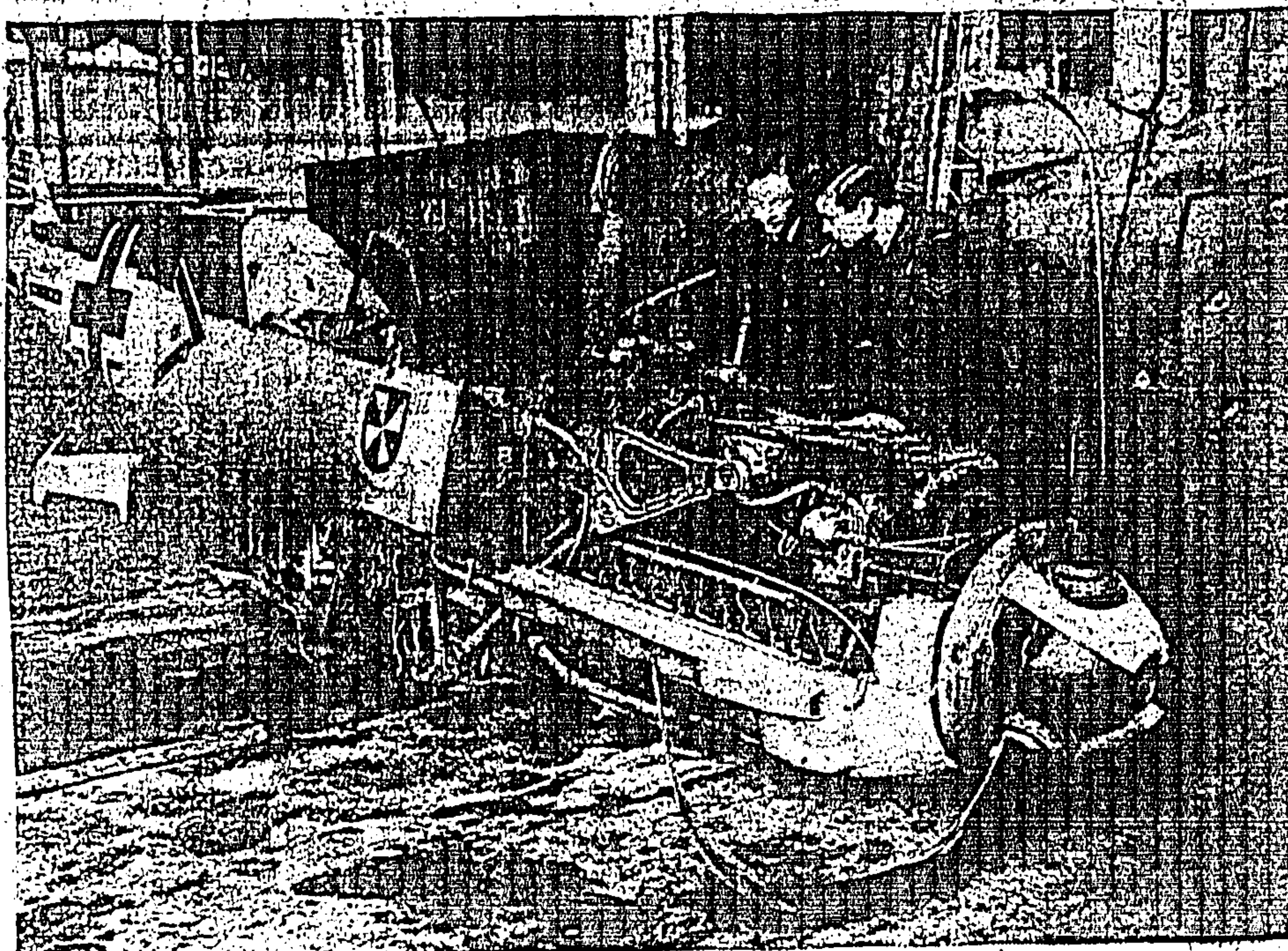
The Athens newspaper "Hestia" yesterday commented that from the bottom of their hearts, the Greek people "desire that the valiant soldiers of the British Empire" should give a good lesson to the Fascist troops.

The Greeks are sure of a British victory, the paper says. — Reuters.

NEW AIR MARSHAL ARRIVES IN EGYPT

AIR MARSHAL A. W. TEDDER HAS ARRIVED IN CAIRO AND COMMENCED DUTIES AS DEPUTY TO THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING THE R.A.F. IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

This was the post Air Marshal Boyd was en route to take up when captured by the Italians after a forced landing in Sicily in November. — Reuters.



Many Nazi planes shot down in Britain have crashed and yet remained in fair condition. Some of these have been repaired and carefully examined by the R.A.F. structural experts and are now in flying condition, enabling our pilots to know just what the other man is undergoing while in the air. R.A.F. sergeants are here seen examining the engine of a crashed Messerschmitt 109. (Copyright, Fox).

ARMY'S BOUND ACROSS ROADLESS DESERT TRACKS

STILL IN EARLY STAGES

Military circles in London yesterday evening emphasised that the operations in the Western Desert are still in the preliminary phase.

There is no question of a breakthrough, as there are no established lines in the accepted sense of the term, but just perimeter camps, some of which have already been attacked with complete success.

These circles stressed that the operations must be kept in the proper perspective in relation to the vast area of the desert in which they are being conducted.

At the same time, if the British hold on to Bug Bug, a large force of Italians is in danger of being cut off. — Reuters.

SYRIA RESTIVE

While Italian Bersaglieri troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier a steady extension of the Free French movement and increasing feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for co-operation is reported to be finding widespread sympathy despite the severe censorship but it is understood that the lack of a strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrests of Free French sympathisers continue, supporters of the movement being replaced by Vichy supporters. — Reuters.

THE BRITISH BOUND across the roadless track of scrub-covered desert has already justified the foresight of the British Army authorities, who for nearly a decade, have worked on the adaptation of motor transport for desert warfare.

The story starts in 1931 when, military circles in London recall, a medley of different types of vehicles were tried out for over 5,000 miles over all kinds of terrain in North Africa.

Experience gained then and since proved of utmost value to the Army in Egypt.

Compared with the campaign in Albania, distances in Egypt are enormous.

Taking into account both Libya and Italian East Africa the front extends 3,500 miles, or longer than the Canadian-American frontier.

Present operations, from the viewpoint of a mechanised army, are most timely as the sand is much harder than at any other time of year.

Decisive Success

News of the capture of Sidi Barrani suggests that the British arms have scored a decisive success which, if followed up resolutely and hard, may have tremendous repercussions on the morale of the Italians and on the internal political situation in Italy.

From bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination, says a Reuters military commentator, with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. The two must be considered together.

At all points, the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results.

2,000 More Prisoners

OVER 2,000 MORE ITALIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN PRISONER IN THE WESTERN DESERT DURING OPERATIONS IN THE 24 HOURS UP TO YESTERDAY EVENING, THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF 9,000-60 CAPTURED.

An official communique, announcing this, said that quantity of war material has also been captured but this has not yet been sorted out.

Active patrolling is continuing in the Sudan area. — Reuters.

THANKS TO COLONIES

The Minister of Aircraft Production has written to the Governor of the Gold Coast thanking him for the action of the "generous hearted people of the Gold Coast in subscribing the magnificent sum £50,000 to the Spitfire Fund and thereby proclaiming to the world their unshakable determination to play a part in the Empire's struggle against the forces of evil."

The Madras Governor's War Fund has been increased by £15,000 to £404,954.

Gamoina has given a further £500 as a further contribution to the Colony's Spitfire Fund. — British Wireless.

ROOF SPOTTING ACHIEVEMENT

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour said in a Commons answer yesterday that very many hours of production had been saved by the "roof spotting" system during air raids and that an increasing proportion of firms engaged on war work were operating schemes whereby production continued until danger was imminent. — British Wireless.

WAR AIMS STATEMENT RUMOURS PREMATURE

Principles Still Under Examination

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

STATEMENTS REGARDING AN IMPENDING BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF WAR AIMS ARE PREMATURE. FOR SOME TIME PAST THE CABINET HAS BEEN GIVING PROVISIONAL EXAMINATION TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT GUIDE A GENERAL SETTLEMENT.

It is intended, when the Government has brought these provisional discussions to a more definite stage, that the Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted upon them.

It is obvious that no public statement can be expected meanwhile.

In any case, such a statement could only be on general lines, as it is not possible to foresee what basic developments may take place in the war situation.

Furthermore, the Government must bear in mind that while it may be desirable to make known what Great Britain and her Allies are fighting for, it is not desirable to place any handicap in advance on any government which might succeed them after the war is won, or to revive party strife by enunciating proposals which could cause controversy and weaken the war effort.

Early In New Year

A British statement is not expected before the New Year but it is expected that the Prime Minister will take an early opportunity in 1941 to make a pronouncement to the world on the subject of the Allies' war aims.

In this connection it may be recalled that President Roosevelt makes his inauguration speech at Washington early in January — an occasion which would seem inevitably to promise a declaration of importance from the President of the United States. — Reuter.

Mr. Morrison's View Of New World Order

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, in a speech yesterday dealing with the purpose and outcome of the war, pointed to the possibility of a cooperative international system guaranteed by an international police force.

"Never again," Mr. Morrison said, "shall it be possible for a ruthless bomber force to terrorise a continent, to smash homes and cities, to crush the innocent bodies of women and children, to blast into power the fruits of man's toil and the monuments of his greatness.

Whatever else peace may bring or take away that, at least, must go for ever. The separate air force, the Tommy-gun of the international gangster, must be abolished.

Mr. Morrison went on to say that deeper cooperation than the mere striking of a bargain was necessary.

"Nations must be ready to sacrifice many independent rights. It is not enough to abolish tariff walls and competitive armaments.

We must have an order in which every man is free, not only to think and talk, but work too, for constructive ends.

"I see no reasonable hope of freedom until we can achieve a conscious and deliberate mobilisation of our economic resources on a cooperative international plan." — British Wireless.

HOME IN A HURRY

EIGHT MESSERSCHMIDT 109s APPROACHED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THEN SUDDENLY TURNED AND MADE FOR HOME IN A HURRY.

Watchers on the ground soon saw the reason for their flight.

A patrol of "Spitfires" came across the sky, headed for Germany. — Reuter.

HELLENIC TRADER RELEASED

Detained by the Japanese naval authorities at Holhow to "verify its nationality" since last Friday, the s.s. Hellenic Trader, flying the Panama flag, was granted clearance last night, according to the local agents.

The ship, it was stated, was preparing to leave at dawn to-day.

As the vessel is in a damaged condition, it will probably not reach Hong Kong until early on Saturday.

LIVELY EVACUEES

The liveliness of British evacuee children aboard ships taking them to Canada prompted Sir Evelyn Wrench, founder of the Overseas League, to suggest, when he arrived at Montreal, that better supervision of the children was necessary en route.

He crossed the Atlantic on a ship which took 800 children to Canada, and he declared that animal spirits and curiosity kept them going all over the ship.

"Why we have not arrived with one hundred broken limbs I cannot tell you," he said. "It must be that Providence is taking a special interest in the children.

"The officers and crew have been extraordinarily patient, but they must have been under great strain, keeping children from tumbling over the rails or falling out of the rigging.

"The organisations sending children out should either have more supervisors or arrange to get prefects among the older boys themselves to look after them."

AUSSIE AIRMEN FOR S. RHODESIA

The first draft of Australian airmen selected for training in Southern Rhodesia have disembarked at a South African port.

This was announced in Canberra yesterday by the Commonwealth Air Minister. — Reuter.

NEW SCHEME FOR WAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION

UNDER THE NEW scheme for compensation for war damage to property, announced in London yesterday, the rate of contribution on buildings and immovable property will be 2/- per pound sterling of rateable value or value at which property is assessed for income tax purposes for five years.

U.S. ARMY CORRIDOR TO ALASKA

THE FEASIBILITY OF GRANTING THE UNITED STATES A CORRIDOR FOR A ROAD THROUGH BRITISH COLUMBIA TO ALASKA, IN RETURN FOR THE TRANSFER OF MORE UNITED STATES WARSHIPS TO BRITAIN, IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA-ALASKA HIGHWAY PROJECT.

Officials in Ottawa yesterday declined to comment extensively on the proposal made to the State Department in Washington yesterday that negotiations should be opened for such an exchange, but one official said a movement in support of suggestions for a deal

The difference between these two is slight.

According to a calculation made by one of London's leading insurance experts for Reuter's, the contribution represents the payment of 2½ per cent of the net capital value of property.

Thus, on property with a net capital value of £1,000, the rateable value would be about £250.

Two shillings in the pound on the latter sum gives a total small payment of £5 and of £25 during five years.

This represents 2½ per cent of the net capital value, but it is emphasised that this contribution entitles the property owner to compensation for any damage suffered from the beginning of the war until the end of August, 1941 — a period of two years. — Reuter.

of this nature was "active" in British Columbia and parts of the United States. — Reuter.

U.S. LOAN IN SOUTH AMERICA

The United States is lending \$60,000,000 to Argentina and \$7,500,000 to Uruguay, announced Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

TREASURY FIGURE EXPLAINED

British Exchequer returns for the last week — to December 7 — reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to a record high level of £110 millions, expenditure of the supply services — largely for war necessities, was nearly £10 millions below the previous week, at £80,500,000 millions.

The high record reached by total expenditure was therefore due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on Government stocks, amounting to a large sum, were made.

Total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over £10 millions last week to nearly £24 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to £86 millions. — Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton and Macao on account of cholera have been removed.

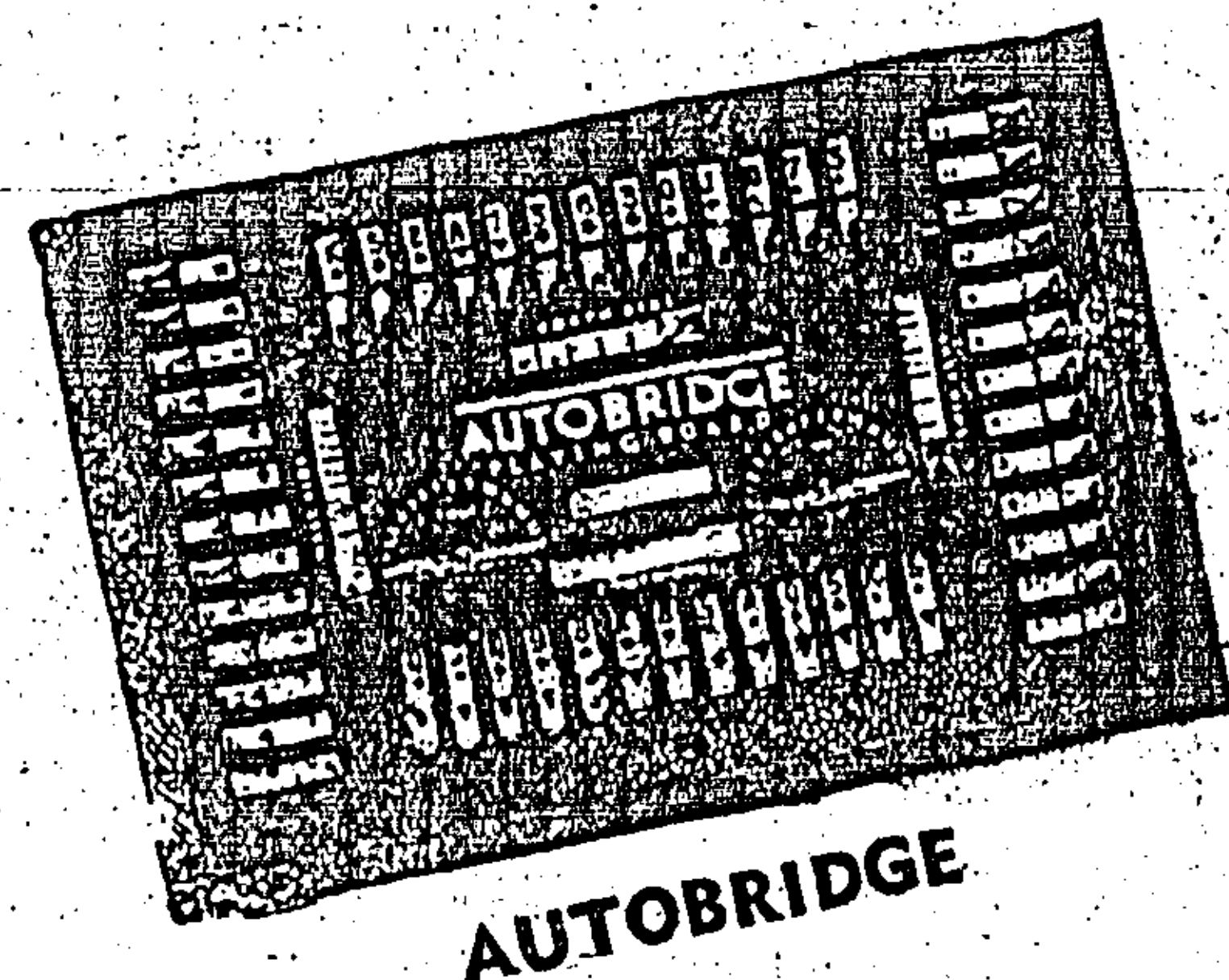
STRIKE ENDED IN TWO HOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The strike of Chinese members of Police Force in the French Concession, Shanghai, yesterday, lasted only two hours.

It is understood the French authorities have promised to consider further high cost of living allowances. — Our Own Correspondent.

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ALBANIAN OIL WELLS MENACED BY GREEK ADVANCE

AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF ITALIAN OIL SUPPLIES IS MENACED BY THE GREEK PUSH IN NORTH ALBANIA DIRECTED TOWARDS THE SKUMBI RIVER VALLEY.

The Devoli River region is threatened and this is of the utmost consequence to Italy, for from that region comes at least half of Italy's peacetime oil requirements.

Though this proportion is reduced owing to wartime consumption this Albanian source has increased in importance because of Italy's geographical position and her susceptibility to blockade.

For over a decade before Mussolini drove out King Zog and seized his country, Italy had shown great interest and spent much money on the development of this oil field. Italian interests began prospecting as long ago as 1925. Real progress was visible in 1933 when the Italian Government voted 200 million lire for developing Albanian oil resources.

Pipeline Near Valona

The building of a pipeline to the little oil port near Valona was inaugurated in January, 1936, the first drop of crude oil was carried along this 46-mile pipeline to the obvious delight of Mussolini.

On the seizure of Albania in 1938 absolute control of this oil industry constituted one of Italy's chief economic gains and development was pressed forward with even greater intensity.

Several hundred wells were sunk and it became clear that Italy regarded Albanian oil as a vital constituent in her economic bloodstream.

So fast was development pushed that in 1939 Italy was obtaining 15,000 tons of oil monthly compared with only 1,000 five years earlier.

Feverish Activity

In the past 12 months there has been feverish activity in the Devoli Valley, presumably as a result of the locking of the Mediterranean by the Royal Navy, which has prevented Italian imports of oil from other parts of the world.—Reuter.

DECREE RESCINDED

A decree nisi, granted last October to Mrs. Florence May Manser, of Tankerton, Kent, on the mistaken presumption that her husband Mr. Charles Hubert Manser, was dead, was rescinded by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court.

Mrs. Manser, in fact, was alive, and when the King's Proctor brought the matter before the Court on August 9 he was present listening to the intervention proceedings.

Mrs. Manser's case was that she last saw her husband in 1931. She made efforts to trace him, and his last-known address was at Bear Road, Brighton.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Langton said the intervention by the King's Proctor raised an interesting and important point under Section 8 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937.

The facts out of which the intervention arose were not in dispute. The parties were married in 1922. In June last year, Mrs. Manser presented a petition for divorce on the ground of the desertion of her husband, but this was refused as the parties took place under a deed of separation and was therefore by mutual consent.

"I am not without sympathy for Mrs. Manser, who appears to have been, to all intents and purposes, deserted by her husband although debarred from setting up that desertion as a ground for the dissolution of her marriage," said the Judge.

RICH WILL GET NO FAVOURS

Nobody can have a holiday in a defence or protected area by leasing a house or estate, and owners of such property cannot be compensated for any loss from this ban on seasonal letting.

This pronouncement is made from the War Office arising from a case of a two months' let of a house and fishings and shooting in a coast defence area in the North of Scotland having had to be cancelled because the military authorities refused permits to the English lessees, as they came within the category of "holiday-makers."

No Exceptions

Sir Edward Grigg, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office, states in a letter to Sir Murdoch Macdonald, M.P.:—"No permits are being granted except for business reasons, or where urgent family or com-

KUNMING BOMBED YESTERDAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Fifteen Japanese aircraft flew over Kunming yesterday noon, dropping bombs on the outskirts of the city. Kai Hsien was also reported to have been bombed at the same time by a different squadron.

Both cities suffered a few casualties and some damage.—Our Own Correspondent.

passionate grounds can be produced.

"I am afraid no exception can be made in a case like that raised by your correspondent, and I am sure you will appreciate that it would be contrary to all democratic principles if, while passes are being refused to tourists, hikers and holidaymakers of the humbler sort, they were at the same time to be granted to persons more fortunately placed financially, who are in a position to rent a house or estate."

He adds that there is no provision made for compensation for house or estate owners in such circumstances, and that "financial loss of this kind is, of course, not confined to the North of Scotland Protected Area, but also arises in the defended and evacuated areas in the south and west of England."

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By BUD FISHER

RAID SIREN
THEIR
LOVE SONG

For most people an air raid shelter is a reminder of war, but to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ellis, of Portsea Hall, Edgware Road, London, W., an air raid shelter is an emblem of romance.

Mr. Stanley Ellis, whose home was in Brookesley Street, Bow, went "down West" to see a bit of life.

While in an hotel at Marble Arch a warning was sounded and guests were directed to the hotel's air raid shelter.

There Mr. Ellis met his wife-to-be. It was love at first sight. They got talking.

Three weeks later he proposed to her—in the same air raid shelter. With the roar of guns ringing in her ears she accepted.

They were married at the Great Synagogue, Duke's Place, London.

RABBIT SKINS
HELPING

The rabbit is helping Britain to pay for the war.

Sir Cecil Weir, of the Board of Trade, said that, before the war, the U.S.A. depended to a large extent upon French and Belgian rabbit skins. In June, Britain increased its exports of rabbit skins to the U.S.A. by thirty-eight times in one month. In July it increased its exports by twenty-seven times.

W., but they had no sooner finished the reception at the bridegroom's house than the sirens again sounded.

They spent their wedding night in the cellars underneath the house.

"And now," said Mr. Ellis "we're spending most of our honeymoon in air raid shelters. Still, we're not complaining. As a matter of fact, when peace comes I think I shall have an air raid shelter built in the garden as a reminder of how we came together."

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It took one minute for a barrister to tell a judge in the King's Bench Division that a case had been settled on the terms that there should be judgment for the plaintiff for £1,111 1s. 11d.

REYNOLD'S
FINED FOR
MISTAKE

First prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations resulted in London yesterday in the managing editor and publisher of "Reynold's News" being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs.

Allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy.

An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper, ignoring deletions made by the official censor.

The magistrate trying the case agreed that a mistake had been made and that there was no intentional anti-British action.—Reuter.

'NO' TO
WAR WAGE
PLAN

Because they refused to agree on a wage policy, the employers have thrown out a T.U.C. programme for making the Home Front's war effort run more smoothly.

The unions, with the help of Mr. J. M. Keynes and other economists, produced the programme in the hope that the employers would agree to it, so that it could be issued as a joint statement.

The programme included these five suggestions:

1. It is undesirable that there should be substantial price rises during the war.
2. No attempt should be made to restrain legitimate wage increases due to rises in the cost of living.
3. The Government should be urged to continue price control, and extend the range of subsidies as far as practicable.
4. An appeal should be made to the people to save every penny they can and invest in Government stocks and shares—on the clear understanding that these savings would not be used later to penalise the people in wage applications or in applications for unemployment benefit or relief.

It should be stated in the clearest possible language that unreasonable war profits are gravely detrimental to the nation's interests.

The T.U.C. annual report, reveals that the developments of the war situation and the difficulties of agreeing to a joint statement "upon so thorny and contentious a subject, including among other matters, the question of wages policy," proved insurmountable. No such joint statement was issued.

TOUR BY DUKE OF
GLOUCESTER

The Duke of Gloucester spent yesterday with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the south of England. Units inspected included a Maori battalion. —British Wireless.

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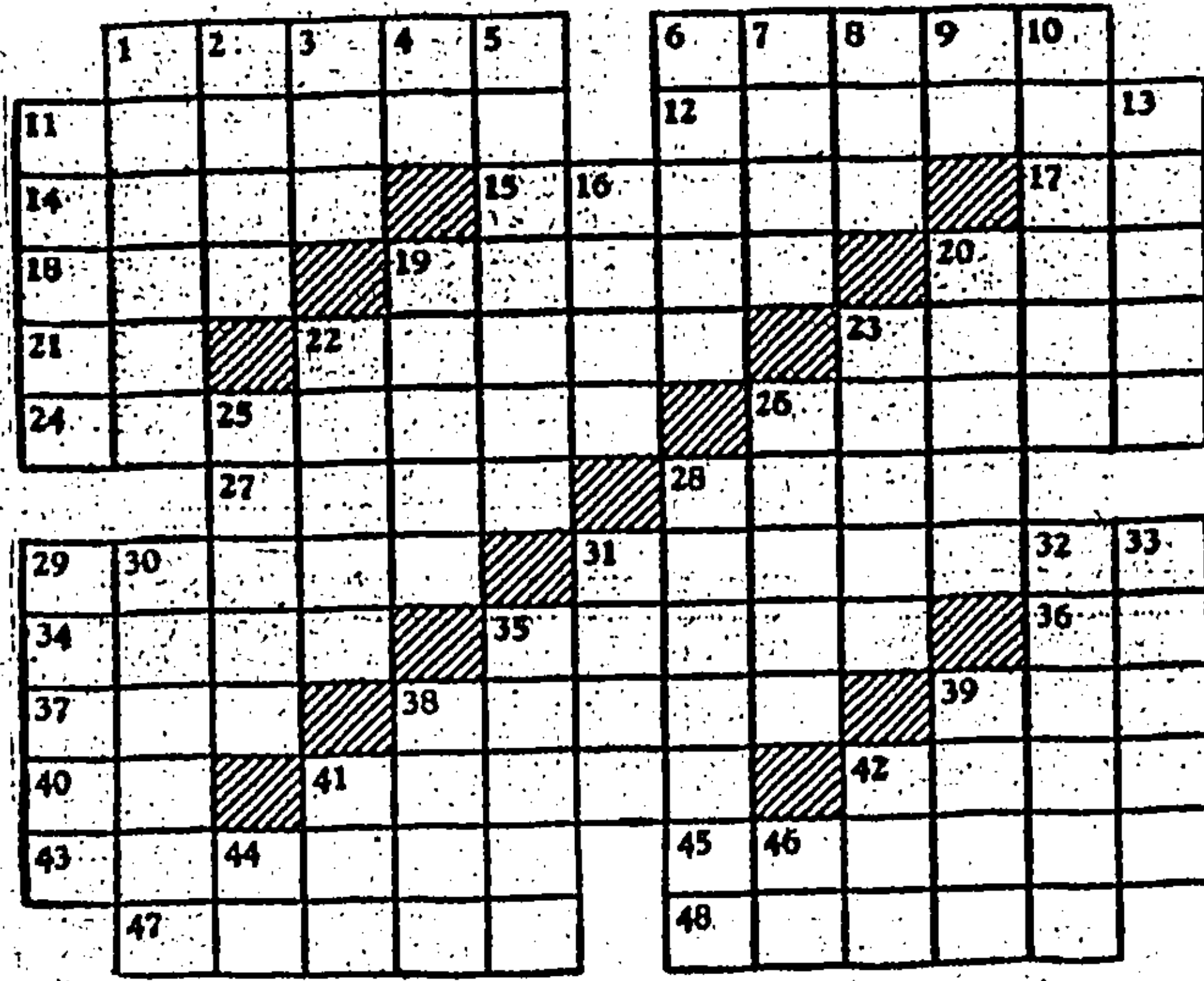
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HORIZONTAL

- 1 Barrier of bushes
- 2 City in Nebraska
- 3 More alert
- 4 Full of liquid
- 5 Elric
- 6 Parsonage
- 7 To exist
- 8 Bitter-vetch
- 9 Burrows
- 10 Large snake
- 11 To act
- 12 Under-gate
- 13 Low, murmuring sound
- 14 To make more endure
- 15 Happiness
- 16 Greek god
- 17 Aquatic mammal
- 18 Marmoset
- 19 To look askance
- 20 Il-bred
- 21 Japanese measure
- 22 Some
- 23 Movable barriers

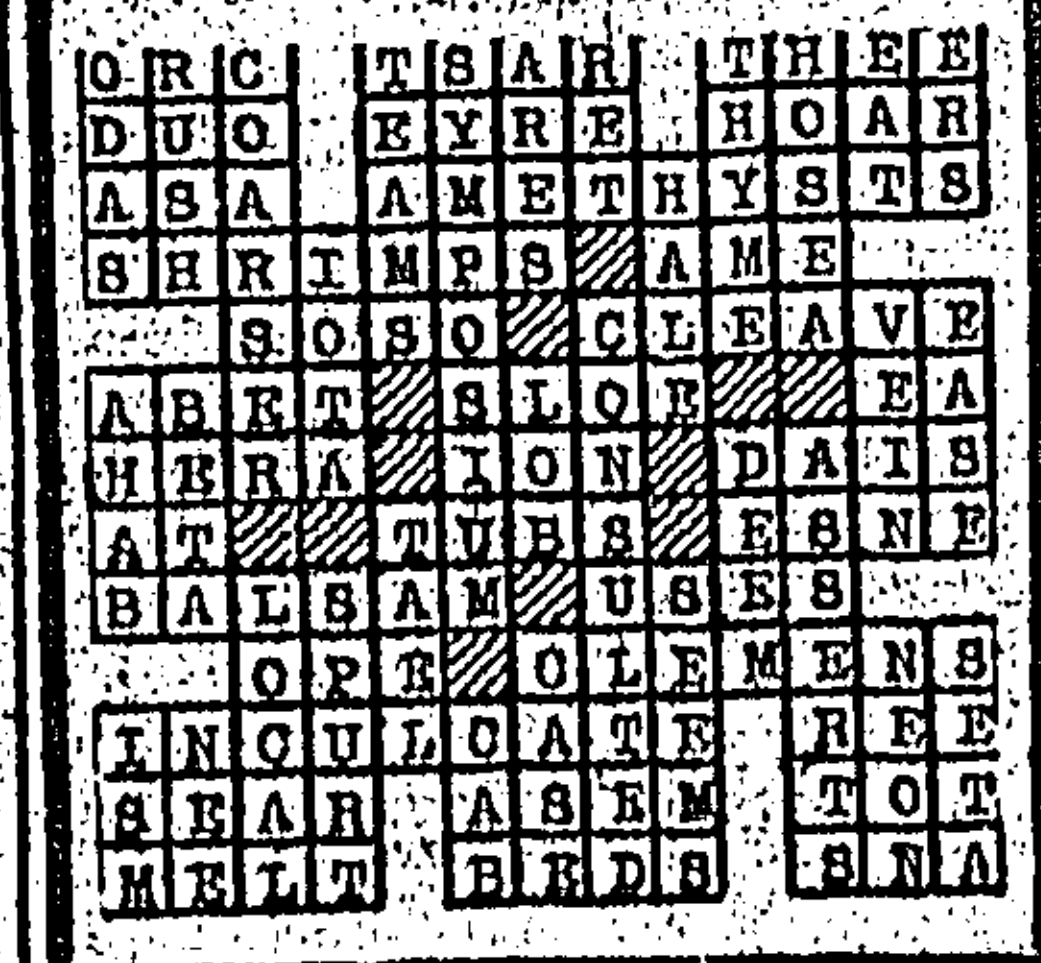
VERTICAL

- 1 To till
- 2 Goddess of discord
- 3 Clamour
- 4 Earth goddess
- 5 Weasel-like animals

6 Proprietor

- 7 Bulkiness
- 8 Goddess of mischief
- 9 Pronoun
- 10 Bowers
- 11 Troublesome plants
- 12 Period of time (pl.)
- 13 Soon
- 14 Small particles
- 15 Constructed
- 16 European blackbird
- 17 Soon to occur
- 18 Grizzles
- 19 Briefer
- 20 Ambitions
- 21 To kindle
- 22 Cries of dove
- 23 Eaten away
- 24 Supra
- 25 Penetrates
- 26 Pigeon
- 27 To drink excessively
- 28 Archaisms
- 29 To suppose
- 30 Bright saying
- 31 Sun god
- 32 Note of scale

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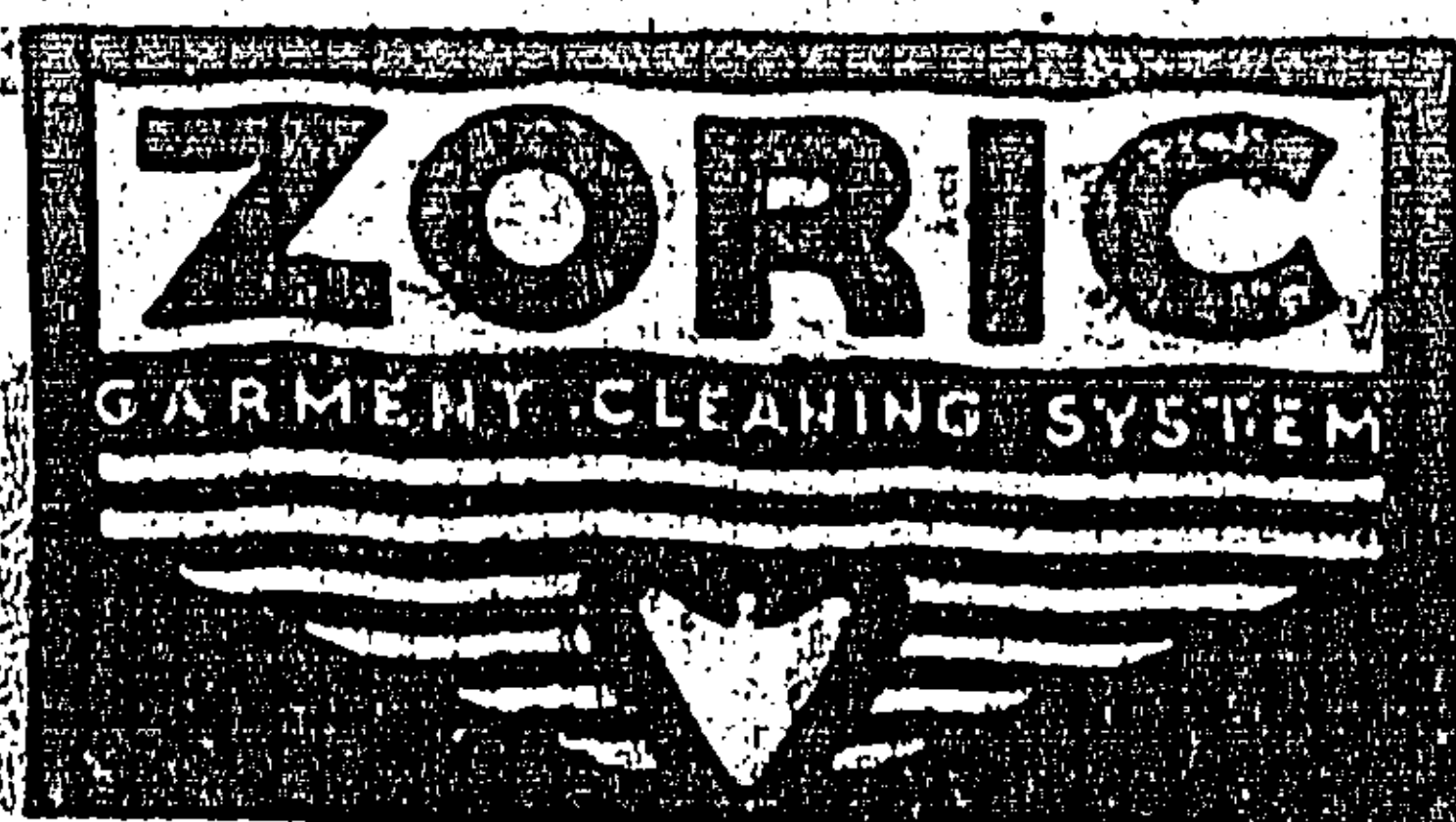
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R.A.F. RAIDS WRECK GERMAN WORKS

PEOPLE LIVING ON the Swiss-German frontier are so impressed by the persistency and accuracy of raiding British bombers that they are willing to bet their shirts on a final British victory.

Workers in parts of Germany have protested that they are unable to continue work owing to lack of sleep caused by British air raids. Production has dropped and the big industrial works outside Hanover have been destroyed.

In the Rhineland so incessant have been the R.A.F. raids that munition plants are being transferred to Czechoslovakia.

These are some of the outstanding impressions gathered after a tour of the German frontier from Rorschach, on Lake Constance, to Basle.

Witnesses Daren't Talk

Stringent precautions are taken by the German authorities against the leakage of information about damage caused by British raids, and the penalties are so harsh that eye-witnesses hardly care to discuss these happenings even with their most intimate friends.

When damage such as that caused by the British raid on the big aluminium works at Rheinfelden can no longer be denied, frontier passes are temporarily withdrawn from German workers near the border and rumours are spread that most of the R.A.F. bombs were duds.

Thus, stories were spread that thirty-one dud R.A.F. bombs were found at Rheinfelden, in spite of the fact that, stretching in a wide semi-circle, smashed buildings and chimney stacks are plainly visible across the Rhine.

An eye-witness of this raid said that the British flight was a complete surprise to the Germans.

100 Workers Killed

No anti-aircraft guns were in action and the British bombers were able to take precise aim. Every bomb fell on the target area, he said.

One hundred workers were killed and many injured, but due to the incredibly thorough system of repair work the factory is now partially operating again.

Damage was also caused by the R.A.F. to the hangars at Friedrichshafen, although accurate information regarding this raid was difficult to obtain.

At Bielefeld, near Dortmund, workers in a cloth factory protested that they were unable to continue work owing to lack of sleep caused by British air raids. Production in this factory has slumped tremendously.

Invasion Preparations

All military objectives in Hamburg have been destroyed, while in Essen, too, many military objectives have been demolished. The huge industrial plant outside Hanover has also been demolished.

All river vessels and barges throughout German territory have been requisitioned, converted into flat-bottomed craft and sent westward.

NO RIGHT TO REFUSE SHELTER

Air raid wardens in London have refused to allow people into a public air raid shelter because they had no gas mask with them.

Air raid wardens in charge of public shelters refused to allow people living near to enter the shelter, ordered them to return home.

In both cases, typical of a number of complaints received the air raid warden was exceeding his authority. It was stated officially by the Ministry of Home Security.

There is no law compelling a person to carry a gas mask other than the law of commonsense, it was added.

Regarding the public shelters near shopping centres, of the type at which local residents at Edgware were refused admission, it was said that a warden should use his discretion.

If the shelter is half-empty local people living near the shelter should be allowed in.

BRITAIN ORDERS A NEW 'PLANE

Some details of a "secret" plane that will be turned out in quantities for the British by the Glenn L. Martin Company of Baltimore were disclosed by an announcement recently made from New York by Air Commander C. B. A. Baker, of the British Purchasing Commission.

The new American-made British plane is to be known as the "Baltimore." It is to be a bomber of medium size, and it is reported of particularly high power. It has been designed to meet the new needs of the Royal Air Force as revealed by tactical experience in recent months.

Under a unique form of contract the British Government will take all of the new ships of this type that the Martin company can produce before the end of next year. Only the requirements of the United States' military forces would be a limiting factor of this contract. Meanwhile, production is proceeding in Baltimore on a large order of 167-B4's—the same type of high speed attack bomber built in quantity last year for the French Government.

DREAMED OF FIGHT—DIED

After his return from France, Stanley Woodington, Sergeant-Major in the R.A.S.C., one of the B.E.F. heroes of the Calais evacuation, developed sleep-walking.

One night he dreamed he was pursuing Germans, and fell 20ft. through a window at his billet. This was the theory advanced at the inquest at Leicester when a verdict of Accidental death was recorded.

SHRAPNEL-PROOF "HATS" FITTED TO CARS

Private motor-cars fitted with tin hats have appeared on Merseyside.

The cars have their roofs covered by a steel helmet with a small space between the cover and the sheeting.

The object is to provide protection for the driver and passengers against shrapnel falling during air raids.

ROME VIEW OF NAZI RAIDS

As the result of a German blunder, information of a most reliable character has been received in London to the effect that the German General Staff recently admitted that the attacks being made on Britain have reached their maximum strength and that losses are now beginning to tell.

A sudden decline must not, of course, be expected, for the Nazis are hammering away desperately, knowing that alternative military schemes would have to be based on a big dispersal of forces.

The Rome broadcasting station, Radio Rome, admitted frankly that Hitler's purpose is to set on foot a revolutionary movement against Mr. Churchill.

"This revolution will take place and liberate the people," he explained, adding: "Germany is not a property and take innocent lives. Her aim is to shake the people's nerves and set their consciences to work, so that they will rebel against their present leaders." Hitler's own candidate for the Premiership was not revealed.



George Murphy, popular Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actor, is currently appearing in one of his best roles to date as Jerry Kelly in "Little Nellie Kelly," starring Judy Garland.



HITLER SPEAKS

Hitler's pep-talk to munitions workers was his most interesting speech for many a moon. It carried the same strange air of self-centred sincerity, striking the attitude of a much-maligned, misunderstood individual; it revealed the same failure to comprehend any viewpoint but his own; yet there was a marked change in the general tone.

The cocksureness of July has been knocked out of him; he found himself apologising for abandoning plans for the invasion of England, committed himself to significant phrases from which the startling implication might be drawn that he has fallen back upon the defensive and is now challenging the rest of the world to try and take back from his clutches his ill-gotten gains of the last few months.

That, indeed, was the keynote of a speech which, as usual, was a masterpiece of casuistry.

At this stage in a fight to a finish, when he dare not trust himself to make reference to events in Albania or the doings (or undoings) of his ally, Italy, he does not pretend any further that the subjugation of the small nations of Europe is a temporary expedient forced upon Germany by the exigencies of a war for existence against Great Britain.

He makes no promise to restore the freedom of the conquered peoples. On the contrary, he regards them as goods and chattels for the purposes of Pan-German sway, to be put to forced labour for the greater good of the "superior" German people.

Not in a single phrase did he hold out any prospect of escape or release. The "New Europe," as it would be if dictated from Berlin, would be a regulated system in which all other nations would be allotted their definite but subordinate parts, contributing to the industrial aggrandisement and agricultural supply of the supreme Reich.

In this sense, the speech might be interpreted, as by some obser-

AS German aeroplanes were falling in August and September at the rate of one a minute on Britain's coasts and in the sea, it is not surprising that a large number of Nazi airmen are in British hands.

So large a number took to their parachutes when their planes were wrecked by British fighters or anti-aircraft guns, that a London newspaper used the heading "Town's shower of Nazi airmen," to describe a little army of ex-fighters who floated down into custody.

The comments made by these airmen on landing afford interesting indications of the state of mind of the German air force, and have also provided the British Defence with a number of unsolicited testimonials.

More impressive than any words, however, was the action of a German pilot whose machine, riddled with bullets, made a forced landing on the South coast. The pilot stepped unhurt from the wreckage carrying with him his toilet case containing his hair brush and hair oil. In his arms he carried his fur coat. It would seem that he had left Germany certain that he would be shot down and had started off on his flight with the intention of making himself as comfortable as possible in an English internment camp.

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Typical of the comments made by captured German airmen was the remark of a German pilot whose machine broke up over the South-East coast: "We lost at least 50 planes," he said, "if that goes on the war will be over in three weeks."

An airman who was picked up out of the sea off Britain's South-West coast, said to his rescuers: "This war is bad for everybody." He was told that "Britain was doing nicely, thank you."

In almost every case the captured German airmen have shown little or no regret at finding themselves British captives. In only one case has a pilot shown any truculence, and he refused to accept the offer of an overcoat that was handed to him in view of the fact that he had been immersed in the sea.

Here are two tributes. Both airmen were brought down on the same day within a few minutes of each other, but at different towns along the South-East coast. One Nazi was found to be wounded when he landed by parachute in a field. A farm groom covered him with a shot gun. The airman threw up his hands with a sigh of relief and said in broken English: "No more fighting; English too good!"

The second, a 30-year-old pilot from a crippled Messerschmidt which made a forced landing in a field of cabbages, was wearing several decorations. He stepped from his machine with his hands over his head and gave himself up to a farm hand. As he was marched off he remarked: "These Spitfires are very good. They were too fast for me. So I'm out of it now."

Another pilot whose plane was forced down near a South-West coast town made an almost identical remark. As he walked towards a farm worker his first request was: "A cigarette and a cup of tea, please."

This was given him, and as his wounds were dressed he continued in good English: "Those Spitfires are very good. This is my heaven. I am out of it!"

An 18-year-old pilot of another plane was quite frank as he was marched off to the nearest military post. "I am very glad indeed to be down," he said.

Among three Nazi airmen who landed on a hill and were rounded up by gamekeepers on the same day was a 15-year-old youth. He knew no English but kept murmuring thanks to his captors in German.

During a raid over Portland dozens of Nazi airmen fluttered to earth at different points along the

coast, inland and over the sea. A Junkers 88 was shot down and one of the four airmen who baled out was seen to come down in the sea. He had to swim a mile to the shore. Civilians helped the exhausted man over the rocks. Then before he was taken away he said in English: "I am an Italian. What are you going to do with me?"

One pilot was found asleep, wrapped in his parachute, and another who landed in a country lane inland walked until he came to a Home Guard and then gave himself up. A third one landed on the roof of a cottage occupied by a Guard, and his wife. In another part of the south-west coast a Nazi airman landed in a lane, being marched off under military escort, he wiped the blood from a wound in his neck and said two words in English: "Thank goodness!"

Few German pilots believe the silly stories told in Germany that prisoners are shot in Britain. One, however, was a bit apprehensive when two women took him into custody.

His Messerschmidt had been shot down by an R.A.F. fighter. The young pilot lay on the ground. He wore the Iron Cross. The first people to reach him were two women, Mrs. Betty Tylee and Miss Jean Smithson. The young pilot looked at the two women. He spoke good English.

"Are you going to shoot me?" he asked.

"No," said Mrs. Tylee. "We don't do that in England. Would you like a cup of tea?"

"Please," said the pilot eagerly. So a cup of tea was made for him, and the ambulance called for him and he was taken to hospital.

Another pilot, a blonde young German, who came down in the north of England showed his appreciation in a natural and gallant way. He spoke no English. A mistress and her maid, a girl in her teens, were taking shelter during an air raid. There was a terrific crash, not far away. The young maid suddenly remembered she had forgotten to turn off the electric iron. She dashed back to the house, but on the way she met a young German pilot, very dazed and green with fear. She was so sorry for him that she took him into the house and poured him but a glass of whisky. He was too frightened to drink it, but she forced the stimulant down his throat. Before he was arrested he kissed the tips of her fingers!

Ten children of Mrs. Parsons, wife of Bert Parsons a farmer, in south-west England, crept downstairs early one morning to find their mother and father tending a young German pilot. His plane had come down in a field nearby and Mr. Parsons had taken the pilot home because his hand was badly injured. Mr. Parsons washed and bandaged the hand and made him a cup of tea.

"Good, so good," said the pilot gratefully. He had been told that if he landed in England his throat would be cut, but said he did not believe it.

Mrs. Evelyn Cardwell, who captured an armed German airman single-handed when he landed near her farmhouse in the north of England, was awarded the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) for her bravery. She is 5ft. 8ins., and 45 years old. He was 6ft. 4ins., young and armed. She frowned at him fiercely, told him to put his hands up and took his revolver away.

On the South East coast a 14-year-old girl, Elizabeth Brown, helped to arrest two Nazi airmen. When they landed she ran towards their machines with an armed milkman. The Germans surrendered immediately.

When one German crashed in a field near Eastbourne, the farmer ordered him to take off his shoes so that he could not run away over the stubble.

One pilot officer of a Heinkel 111 bomber crashed in south-west England exclaimed when he was captured: "Shell got the port engine; shell got the middle engine. Million marks gone!"

Unshaken Resolution

By Robert Mackay

"Each at his post" is perhaps the best way in which to define the prevailing note in the life of the British people to-day.

The 1914-18 war was called "the great war." The present struggle might be defined as a "war of surprises." That aspect, however, is not so much a question of military strategy and tactics, or even one of technical and other innovations of a military character. However unexpected these may be, they can hardly be regarded as surprises. Moreover, appropriate defence measures are always invented to meet any new arm, while counter-methods are invariably followed by still newer methods of attack. It is rather in the political and social domain that the qualification of "war of surprises" might appropriately be given to this war.

What has really happened is that the atmosphere of international relations has become an unaccountable one; or the element of surprise may be expressed by saying that so divergent have been the cross-currents of opinion that it has been, and indeed still is, impossible to assess the real value of any of them. Thus, the course of future events has become a mere matter of conjecture. The delicate machinery of normal relations between nations has long since been upset by the actions of the Leaders of the Reich, who made confusion worse confounded when they invaded Poland.

vers, as clearest exposition of his aims and intentions if Germany wins the war—a frank declaration that peoples other than German are to be enslaved and deprived of the dignities of man as in the most barbarous ages of Asiatic despotism.

It may, on the other hand, be another example of his "bargaining realism," a promise to German workers to get more out of them at a critical time—a promise as valuable as his guarantees to Holland and Belgium seven months ago.

The result of that act of aggression was to render the international situation still more fluid. Even so, and in spite of the scant consideration shown by the Reich to the rights and interests of neutral nations, it still seemed—until only a few months ago—as if at least the inviolability of neutral territory would be respected. But then came the German invasion of Denmark and Norway, followed shortly afterwards by that of Holland and Belgium and the collapse of France as the consequence.

In all these cases, however, what happened did not flow as the result of a purely military attack. What had happened was a kind of composite assault, carefully prepared in time of peace. This process could not be better summed up than in the words of the Minister of Agriculture of the United States.

This is how Mr. Wallace described the process recently: "The Hitler group has made up its mind to dominate the world, by lawful or unlawful means, by means of a combination of economic warfare, propaganda, controlled news and the Gestapo, with the terrorism of an unsheathed sword to cut short all discussion." It was this combination of every means, more especially subterranean action, that took most countries by surprise. Nobody wanted to believe that abuse of hospitality could be an integral part of the official policy of a civilised nation!

That was why the "lightning" war took on an unexpected shape. It was a conjugated effort, of long date, which the Reich has put into practice in time of peace to foment internal disintegration in neighbouring countries, in order to be able to invade their territories with all the greater ease once it found the moment opportune. With all the ground thus prepared in advance, the terrorism of mechanised units and aviation only had to complete the work of destruction which had already been begun in peace-time.

Although England did everything in her power to prevent this work of disintegration going on, she was greatly embarrassed

in her efforts by certain conditions which actually existed in other countries, where political leaders, trusted to a policy of strict neutrality as constituting an adequate safeguard for the defence of their territory—this, in face of a nation which had long since declared that it respected no juridical concept which should stand in the way of its own policy of expansion and domination. It was the lack of any cohesive plan of resistance that made it easy for Germany to subjugate a large part of Europe, and it was thus that Great Britain found herself alone in the struggle against a Germany and Italy both powerfully prepared for the attempt to dominate the world by force of arms.

The British people, however, is inspired by the same sentiment that the Chief of the Division of Cultural Relations of the American State Department declared to be that of all American peoples.

"The American nations," said Mr. Harrington a short while ago, "are determined not to be dominated." It is evident that the normal economy of a peace-loving nation, more especially one which is profoundly democratic, cannot be transformed to meet the requirements of war in a few days. Nevertheless it is almost miraculous how much has been accomplished by Great Britain in twelve months, and that by the free will of a free people—the essential basis of the democratic conception.

The British people has freely accepted the rude trials of war, fully conscious of the immense sacrifices that will still be required of it until final victory is won. But already the whole economic activity of the country has been adapted to a war economy. The task has been colossal; but the British people has gone soberly forward with it, and it is a nation in arms that is to-day facing with quiet calm the greatest crisis in the history of humanity.

After many vicissitudes, the whole country regards the future with confident serenity. The greatest mistake committed by the leaders of the Reich was to think that a nation which loved peace would not know how to fight with resolution if war came. War did come—the war which Britain had done everything humanly possible to prevent from coming, war against all the principles of justice, of right and of liberty.



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MUNICH PACT HELD NULL AND VOID

DR. BENES, PRESIDENT of the Czechoslovak Provisional Government, revealed to the newly formed Czechoslovak State Council yesterday that at his request the British Government, in the official Note dated November 11, expressly assured him they did not recognise the Munich Agreement.

Dr. Benes added: "It goes without saying that we shall draw all the conclusions to which we are legally entitled by our agreement with the British Government when the appropriate moment comes.

SAVE SICK IN RAID

Doctors and nurses at a hospital in a south-east town moved patients from some of the wards when incendiary bombs fell on two blocks of the building.

A fire was quickly put out by staff and firemen.

Patients in other parts of the hospital had been moved, as it was feared that there was an unexploded bomb nearby. Families in houses near the spot have been evacuated.

Two bombs were dropped by a raider in a south-west district of London.

The roar of a plane flying fairly low was heard in Central London. A.A. guns opened fire and the raider quickly made off.

Two banks, a post office and a block of luxury flats were damaged when a high explosive bomb dropped in a North-West London district.

Earlier in the evening a raider flew over a North-East London suburb. A.A. guns opened fire. Some bombs were dropped.

What appeared to be a "Molotov breadbasket" was dropped on a Northern suburb.

The incendiaries from "the breadbasket" fell on and around the new wing of a school which has been used as an ambulance station. All the ambulances were removed to safety and no one was injured.

More than 200 incendiary bombs fell in an open space, and lit it up like a gigantic fireworks display.

A.R.P. wardens put out the flames.

The fire bombs were followed up by several high explosives. A fierce A.A. barrage was put up by the guns, from which the raiders turned.

It was announced that in fights during the day eleven German planes were shot down. The R.A.F. also lost eleven planes, but seven of our pilots are safe.

Giant 'Plane Fled

A new giant four-engined bomber surrounded by a cloud of Messerschmidt fighters, crossed the Kent coast in a vain bid to reach London.

The monster raider was followed by three formations each of nine bombers. All flew at a great height.

A police officer said: "I looked through binoculars, and when the bomber was caught in the sunlight, I was astonished at the huge size of its wing span."

"The Messerschmidt escort looked like dots beside it." The enemy were scattered by Spitfires and Hurricanes.

Last seen, the bomber was speeding Channelwards with Spitfires in pursuit.

Eastbourne Bombed

An armed trawler shot down a German plane which tried to attack it in the afternoon.

A lone raider dropped twenty-

"I lay the fullest emphasis on the fact that we are not going to abandon any of our citizens, either Czechoslovaks or Ruthenians."

He said the struggle for liberation was being carried on unanimously in Bohemia and 90% of all Slovaks were in favour of a united republic.

As to Carpathian Ruthenia, easternmost province of Czechoslovakia annexed by Hungary in May, 1939, Ruthenians stood united behind Czechoslovaks.

He did not say that the State was to be reconstituted exactly as it had been, but definite frontiers could only be established by new voluntary negotiations.

When the time came for revolution in Central Europe there would be fighting on all borders and in all States. The Czechoslovak people would have a large share in it.—British Wireless.

THEY KEEP ROADS OPEN

Gangs of men stand by night and day ready to carry out London's biggest repair job—to see that the City's high roads are kept as clear as possible so that transport may carry on.

When a bomb falls in any of London's roads wardens are quickly on the spot to see what damage has been done.

Soon they are contacting water, gas, electricity, hydraulic power and telephone authorities.

Out come the repair parties, men who brave bombs and flying shrapnel to do their job.

The Cost To Hitler

Hot on their heels come in local borough council's road repair gangs. They stand by until the other repairs are done and the demolition squads have made certain the road will be safe to use if repaired.

Sometimes at night only preliminary repairs can be carried out.

As soon as dawn breaks the men begin work in earnest. In a short time the repairs to mains and other works below the surface are effected. Then the local council repair parties fill in the craters, lay concrete and wood blocks.

The affected areas are roped off until the work is completed and the engineer gives the "All clear". The ropes are then taken away and traffic which had been temporarily diverted begins to run again.

"The bomb cost Hitler a lot of money and perhaps a plane and crew," a borough engineer said and when that traffic starts to roll you can't help thinking he's wasting his time."

eight bombs on Eastbourne. Casualties are believed to be about twenty, with none fatal.

The bombs fell in a working-class district. There was widespread damage to small houses in about eight roads.

SOVIET SUPPLIES TO CHINA

Traffic over the north-western highway between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the Chungking "Ta Kung Pao" quoting China communications quarters.—Reuter.

SCHEME TO AID COAL INDUSTRY

The Government yesterday announced a scheme designed to help the British coal industry to meet the situation developing owing to the decline of exports and transport difficulties.

The present scheme provides for a levy not exceeding 6d. a ton on all coal sold by each district and payment of compensation from a fund so created to colliery undertakings which have suffered loss of trade to a greater extent than the average loss sustained by the industry as a whole.

It is proposed that subject to the overriding limit of 6d., provision shall be included in the approved price of coal for the actual rate of levy that proves necessary from time to time during the war to pay compensation at the rate eventually fixed.—British Wireless.

PARCELS FOR WAR PRISONERS

ANSWERING A QUESTION IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY REGARDING THE DISPATCH OF PARCELS TO BRITISH WAR PRISONERS VIA LISBON, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR WAR SAID THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WAR ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY WAS NOW IN LISBON AND HAD REPORTED THAT ON NOVEMBER 3 NONE OF THAT ORGANISATION'S PARCELS WERE IN LISBON BUT 30,000 WERE DUE TO ARRIVE IN DECEMBER.

Parcels were not unduly delayed in Lisbon, average time being five days. Main delays were occurring between the Portuguese-Spanish frontier and Germany.

Urgent measures were being taken to help the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva to overcome these delays. Parcels were now arriving in considerable numbers and it was hoped to obtain considerable acceleration in the near future.—British Wireless.

COXSWAIN FINED

Summoned for entering the Tatham Channel Minefield on December 4, Fung Foa-sing, coxswain of steam launch "Tung Tak," was fined \$10 by Commander J. Jolly Acting Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

493 WAITED FOR SAFETY, KILLED

(From A Special Correspondent)

I WALKED YESTERDAY THROUGH THE WRECKED STREETS OF A LONDON EAST END DISTRICT FROM WHICH CAME THE 500 HOMELESS REFUGEES WHO WERE TRAPPED AND KILLED WHEN THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THEY HAD TAKEN REFUGE WAS BOMBED.

Homeless after the previous night's raid, the families were gathered in the school, a modern two-storey concrete building. They were waiting for motor-coaches to come and take them away. No coaches came. The next night more homes were wrecked . . . and still the coaches did not come.

Then the bombers came again, and this time they hit the school. Now there is nothing but a yawning crater surrounded by hanging walls.

At intervals the rescuers come across more bodies, but it will take days to clear away this tangled mass of twisted girders and concrete that crashed on the homeless just as they were in sight of safety.

Seven In 500 Escaped

Doctors and nurses dashed to the stricken school in response to a general call.

Of the 500 men, women and children trapped in their temporary haven, only seven escaped unhurt; the wounded are in hospital. To-day only the dead remain.

Three nurses from a nearby maternity home were still there, but there was nothing for them to do. I brought them away in my car.

"It is a terrible thing," said one of them. "These people could have been got away. One of the bombs just missed our nurses' home. It would have been better if six of us had been killed than all these hundreds of poor folk." All the streets are deserted. The people still alive have gone for the time being. Most have gone in coaches provided by the authorities.

Others have not waited for the wheels of officialdom to turn — they have gone by the best way they could.

Tried To Save Child

Here and there stood a lorry or a private car with a quiet family party packing what remains of their personal belongings.

Among those who came back to salvage what they could from the wreckage was Mrs. Carroll, who was one of the few to be rescued.

"We were sitting there listening to the explosions," she said. "I flung myself over a child by my side, but I could not save her."

"I think my brother, his wife and their four children were in there, too. They may have got away before. I don't know. They may still be inside."

ITALIANS DON'T LIKE IT

THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED ALL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE FRONTIER WITH GREECE AND ALBANIA, SAYS A BELGRADE MESSAGE.

This has been done to "safeguard the neutrality of Yugoslavia in the present conflict between Italy and Greece." — Reuter.

FAR EAST FREE FRENCH MOVEMENT

Evidence of the growing strength of the Free French movement in the Far East was furnished yesterday by the appointment by General de Gaulle of a representative in Singapore.

He is M. Guy de Schrompro, former consular official in Tientsin. — Reuter.

A.R.P. RAMP REVEALED

A ramp in bricks for air raid shelters was alleged at a meeting of Cardiff A.R.P. committee.

The city engineer, said he had to "scrounge" around old buildings to get bricks to complete communal shelters and to brick up wardens' posts.

He had contracted for 12,000 a day and could get only 1,500. If they paid 70s. a thousand, he said, supplies would be forthcoming.

Many factories were selling small lots to people who were building their own shelters and paying almost any price for bricks.

"It looks as if there is profiteering on people's lives," said Councillor Robinson.

A committee is to investigate complaints.

PILOT FOR A WEEK

A German airman who baled out over the south-east coast had with him a document showing he had passed out as a pilot only six days before.

He had a letter from his sweetheart congratulating him and expressing the hope that he would never have to raid Britain. She felt sure that if he did she would never see him again.

An hour after baling out the airman died in hospital.

SPECIAL BREAD FOR JEWS

The Minister of Food has issued a licence which permits the manufacture and sale of the type of loaf known as "chollas." This bread is used for religious ritual and is made only for Jewish holidays and the Sabbath.

MOVE OUT TO AVOID TIME BOMBS--7 DIE

AT LEAST SEVEN people, among several hundred who were evacuated from houses in a south-west London area during the night because of delayed action bombs, were killed when a heavy bomb fell soon afterwards.

Less than two hours after they had settled themselves in, a bomb smashed in a stone and brick wall, killing and injuring those sheltering inside.

A number of people were waiting to be taken in cars and ambulances to a nearby rest centre.

A member of the salvage squad said: "We found one little girl, aged about five, who had been sleeping with her father and mother. When we carried her to safety she did not know that her father had been taken to hospital in a grave condition."

"We took her to a first-aid post, where in a few minutes she was laughing and dancing."

There were two raids on London during the night. The first "All clear" was sounded earlier than usual, but shortly afterwards there was another alert.

Building Hit Twice

One building in Central London was struck twice. The first bomb exploded on a parapet, threw masonry into the basement area and smashed windows. The second bomb, some time later, fell in a basement area.

There were many people in the building at the time, but most of them were in the shelter and none was badly hurt.

A girl who was standing within a few yards of where the second bomb fell escaped with cuts.

A block of flats in Central London was also hit.

A number of houses in the east of London were demolished by a time bomb which fell in the centre of a street and exploded later in the night.

All the people living in the small dwelling-houses in the locality were in shelters at the time, and as far as is known there were no fatal casualties, but a number of people were taken to hospital with injuries.

Several bombs fell close together in the denser part of a West London district, but they all landed in the middle of the road

and did little damage.

A time bomb dropped in a road opposite a store. Another fell near a church which was damaged in a recent raid.

Sleeping Boy Escapes

A large brewery in a South-West London area received a direct hit and was badly damaged. Only two or three slight casualties were reported.

Incendiary bombs fell on two blocks of a hospital in an eastern suburban district of London, but the fires were quickly extinguished by the staff and there were no casualties.

When two bombs hit a roadway in south-east England a heavy piece of surface concrete was hurled through the roof of a house some yards away and fell on a bed, missing by inches six-year-old Colin Deacon, a village choir boy, who was asleep.

Colin was treated for head abrasions and shock.

Bombs were dropped on several towns in south-east England. In three towns damage was done to houses and there were several casualties, including some people killed.

A few bombs were dropped in other parts of the country causing slight damage and few casualties.

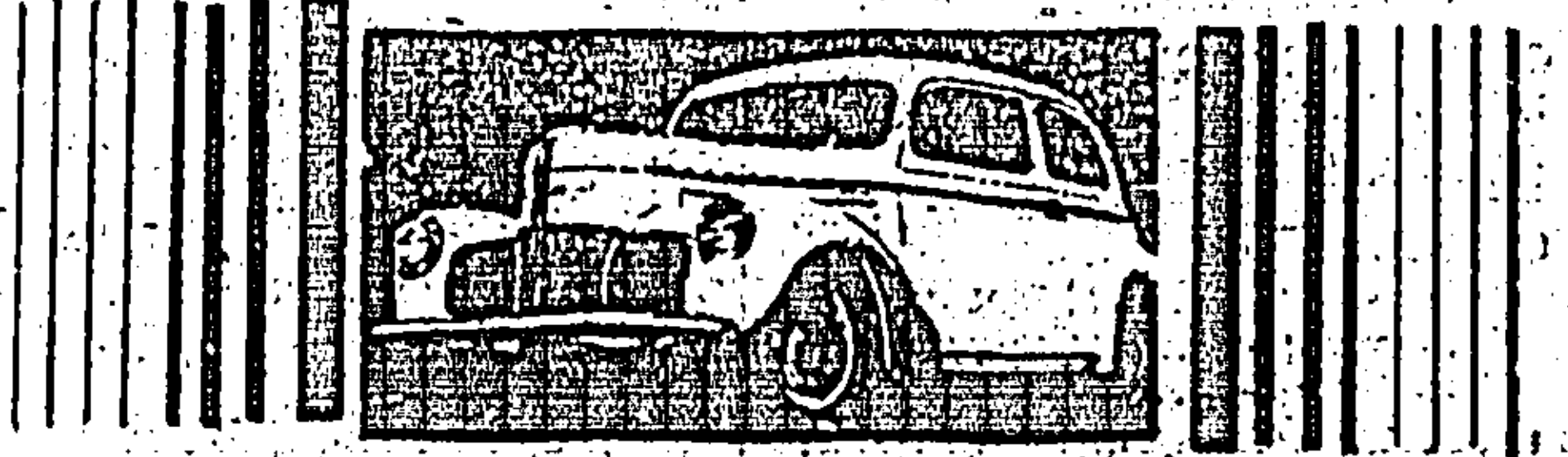
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This story was told at Cambridge when the schoolmaster, Hugh Evason Percival, of Flimsted Road, Cambridge, was fined £5 and costs for assaulting the boy, Harold John Bainbridge, of Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge.

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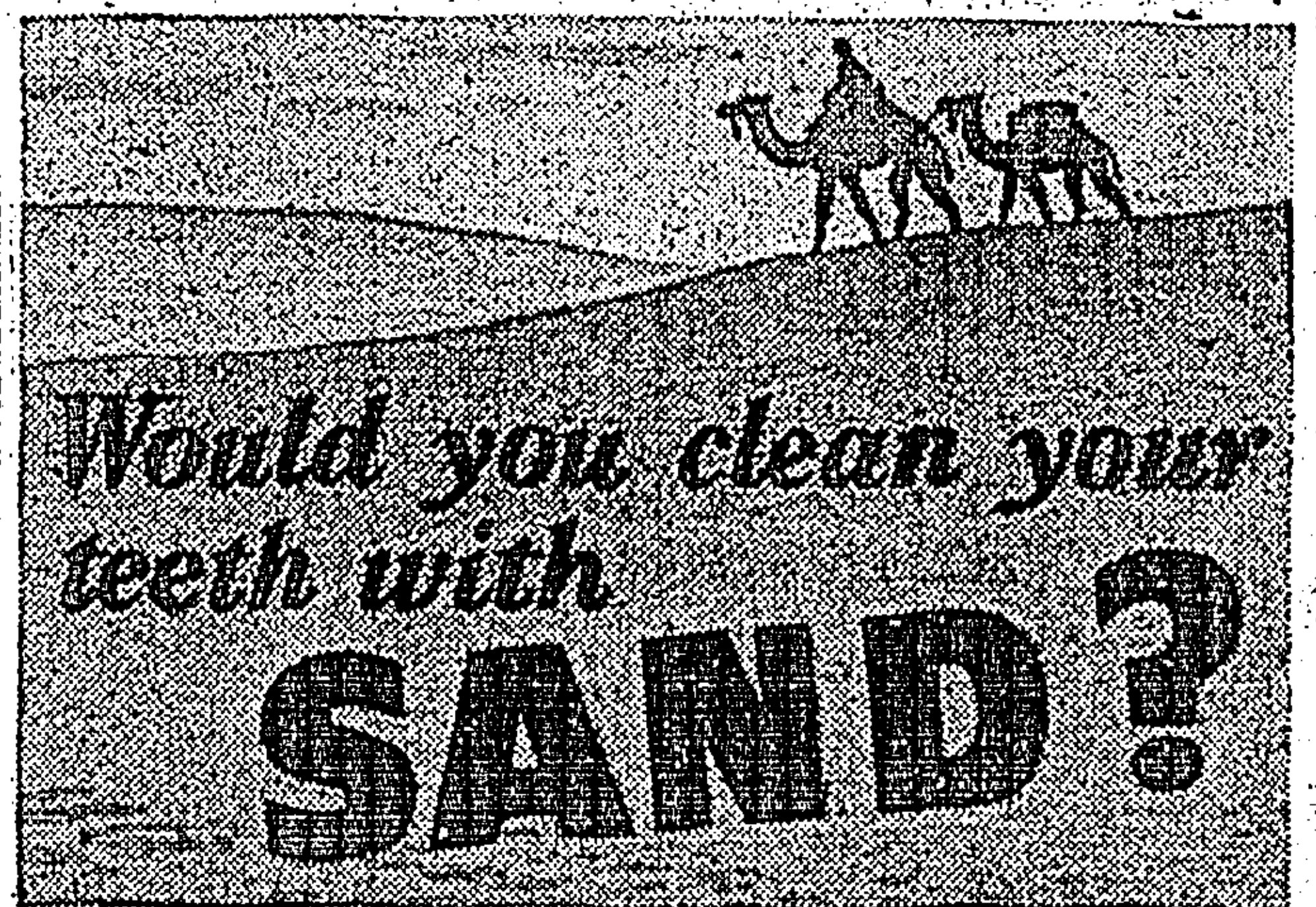
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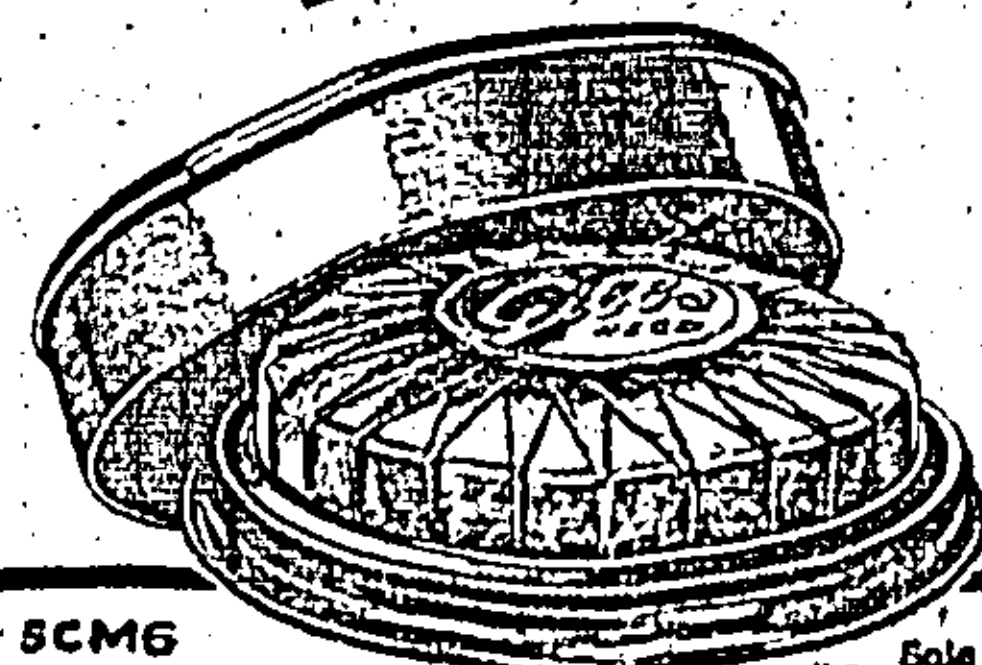
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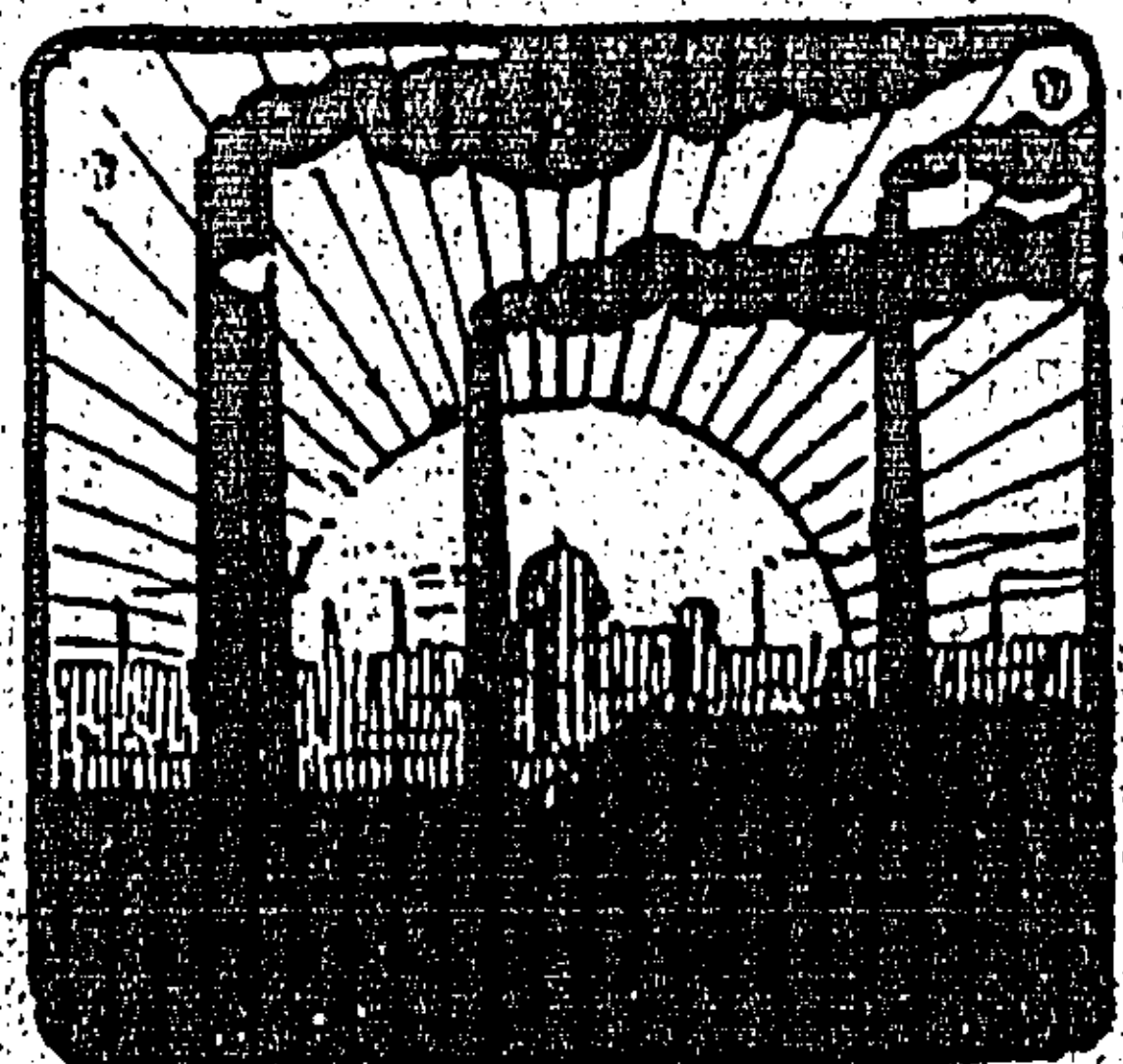
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1 Drum Powder
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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 16th day of Dec., 1940, at 3 p.m.**, at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2233.	Junction of Un Chau St. & Cheung Fat St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,000	\$2,448

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Rural Building Lot No. 40.	Opposite the Blind Hong, Pokfulam Road & South West of Rural Building Lot No. 32A.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$172

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4238.	Junction of Kowloon City Road & Chung Lung Street, Kau Pui Shek.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 1,179	\$14

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Bridge Swindles—No. 17 By The Four Aces

When an opponent seems to have a choice between two lines of play, you should do your best to snare him into choosing the line that won't work. For example—

North, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
A A K
Q Q Q
A 10 8 7 3
A Q 4
A Q 8 6
K 5 3
J 9 5 2
7 6 5
N
W
S
E
A 9 7 5 3 2
K 4 3
K 6 4
8 3 2
J 10 4
A J 10 8 7
A Q
K J 10 9

The Bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
2NT	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♥	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the six of spades, hoping to establish a trick in that suit to cash when he got his trump trick. When he saw the dummy, West realised that getting a spade trick wasn't going to be so easy. Dummy won the opening lead and returned the nine of hearts for a finesse. Right then West executed his swindle — by nonchalantly playing a low heart. That made South think the trump finesse had been successful, so he continued with the Queen of hearts. But West took that trick and returned his last trump. And then South couldn't find a way to get rid of his losing spade. Of course South was very foolish to rely on the trump finesse when he could (and should) have ruffed out his spade after taking only one round of trumps. But West's little deceptive ploy made South so sure of the trump finesse that he hated to risk three rounds of spades before drawing trumps. In other words, South thought he had a choice of plays, so West simply coaxed him to adopt the line which wouldn't work.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, he held:
A A K Q Q
Q 7 5 4 3
Q K 4 3
A 2
The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Muler
1♠ 2♣ Dbl. Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

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Score 100% for two spades; 30% for pass.

Question No. 587

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

A K Q 6 4 2
Q 7 5 4 3
Q 3
K 2

The bidding:

You	Schenken	Muler
1♠	2♣	Dbl. Pass
(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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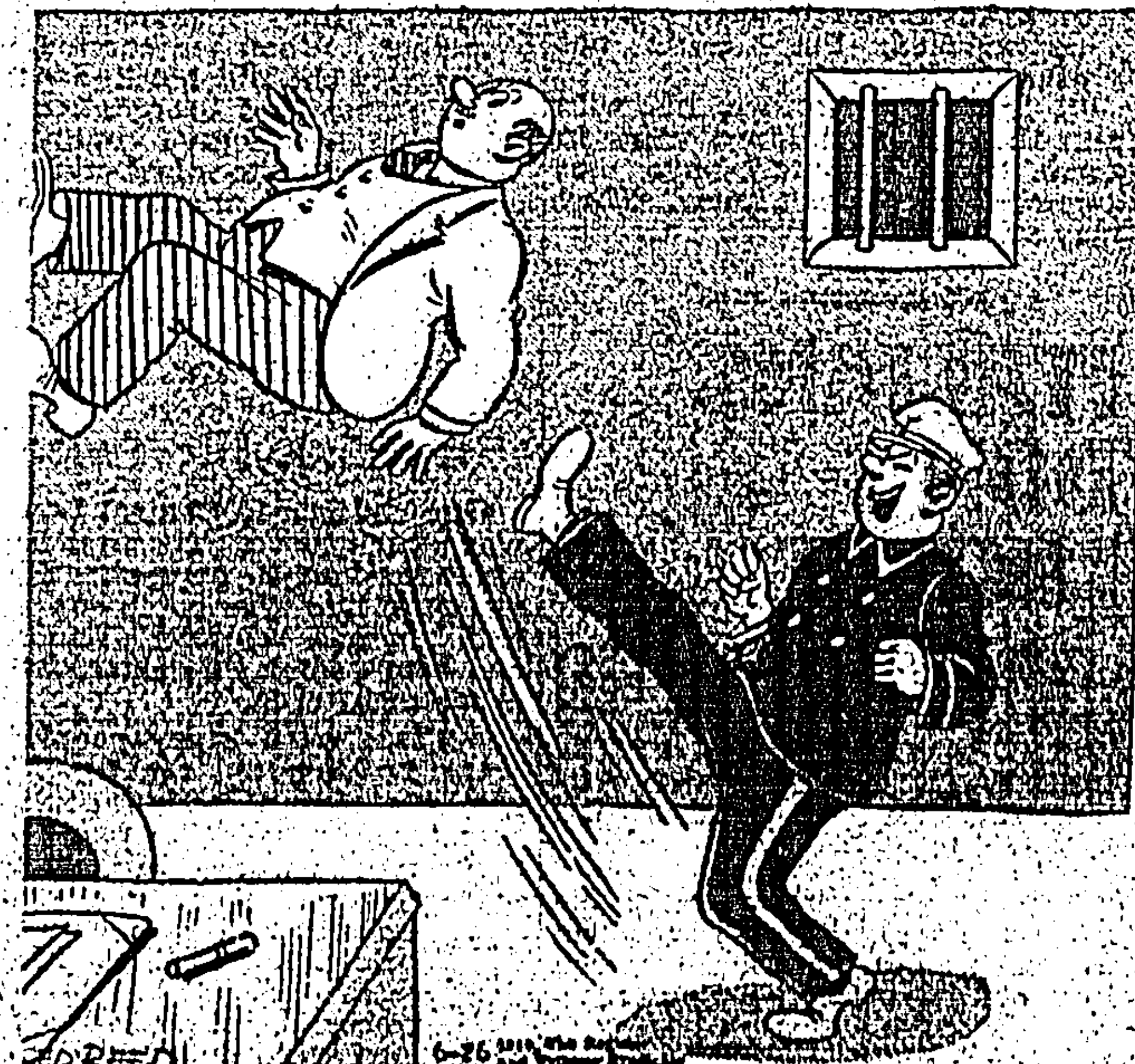
SISTER MURDER CHARGE

Henry Knight, aged forty-six, of Trelander-East, Truro, Cornwall, was at Truro sent for trial accused of murdering his sister, Mrs. Jolla Carnation, aged fifty-six, widow of a naval petty officer.

Prosecuting, Mr. R. L. Frank said Knight was taken prisoner in the retreat from Mons in 1914 and until 1919 was a prisoner of war in Germany. The question of insanity did not arise in this court, but would be dealt with at Knight's trial.

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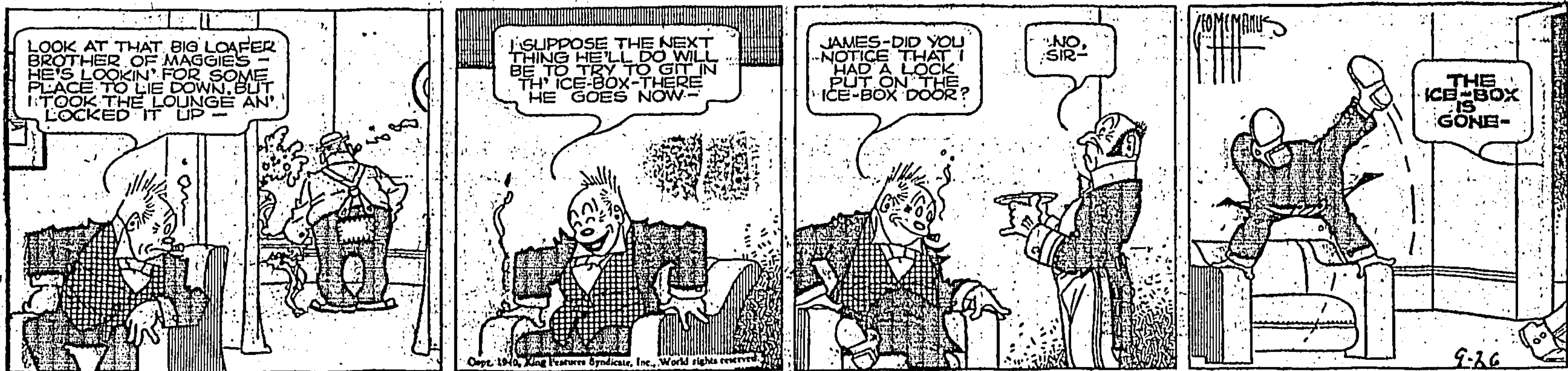


"Sorry, Warden—but it was the Rifle's last request!"

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN The Tall Girl's Problems Are Considered

It is time we paid some attention to the tall woman who stands five feet six inches or over. We should teach her how to glorify her height and to carry it proudly.

"Curious as it may seem, the face of the taller woman is small in proportion to the rest of her body. Her features must therefore be emphasised with proper make-up. Indifferent pastels fade out completely on the statuesque woman, she should dramatise her beauty with vibrant dashing colours. Her mouth should be well-shaped, proud and generous to match her dignity. As she must avoid acting coyly her hair should be dressed simply with a minimum of ringlets and curls."

Regarding Her Posture

In the opinion of this beauty expert tall women are afraid to stretch and walk regally. In attempting to lessen their height they acquire what she calls "jackknife" posture which makes them look angular and awkward. A tall woman must be proud of her height and stand with feet parallel, shoulders in normal position and relaxed, abdomen flat, chest lifted and the spine so straight that it resembles a column supporting a pretty head! Her movements should be dignified too with few flowery gestures or lunges.

It seems as if tall girls frequently do not know what to do with their hands when they are at a party or waiting in a public place. When such moments of self-consciousness descend it is suggested that the girl hold one hand gracefully in the other and she will look poised and relaxed whether she is standing or sitting. When she moves her hands and arms she should form arcs rather than angles for that lends grace to her movements.

How To Dress

It seems that clothes no longer will be a problem for one designer is devoting all her creating ability to making the tall girl look like a goddess instead of a self-conscious trump. Through excellent cutting and play of pleats, pleasing proportions will be given to the tall girl's chest, hips and waistline and grace to long arms and necks.



LUCILLE BALL'S five feet seven inches can very well carry this chunky fur coat and her halo hat forms a lovely large frame for her face.

This designer suggests large outstanding handbags as correct swashbuckling hats, brilliant accessories to dramatise a height, belts, dramatic big jewelry and one should be proud of.

Curing That Corn

By Dr. M. Menzies Campbell

A corn is a conical shaped thickening of the outer layers of the skin, with its root projecting inwards.

The commonest cause is pressure from too tight shoes. The first step in successful treatment is to rectify this defect.

Next immerse the affected foot for at least 30 minutes in hot soapy water containing washing soda. Afterwards rub the corn with block pumice to pare it off fully with a clean sharp knife or razor. Do not break the surrounding skin, thereby risking introducing infection.

Now apply a corn plaster or a corn solvent. A reliable latter is 10 per cent. salicylic acid in collodion. Do not touch the nearby skin.

Repeat this procedure for three successive nights or until the

root is readily removable.

A soft corn between the toes generally arises from insufficient cleanliness. It is soft because of being so frequently bathed in perspiration.

To cure this, wash daily between the toes. Harden by dabbling with methylated spirit; when dry, dust with talc powder. Afterwards treat as for a hard corn.

A person with neglected corns is disinclined to walk sufficiently. If he does, however, per-ent, he may walk so unnaturally as to over-strain certain muscles, and, in time, become flat-footed.

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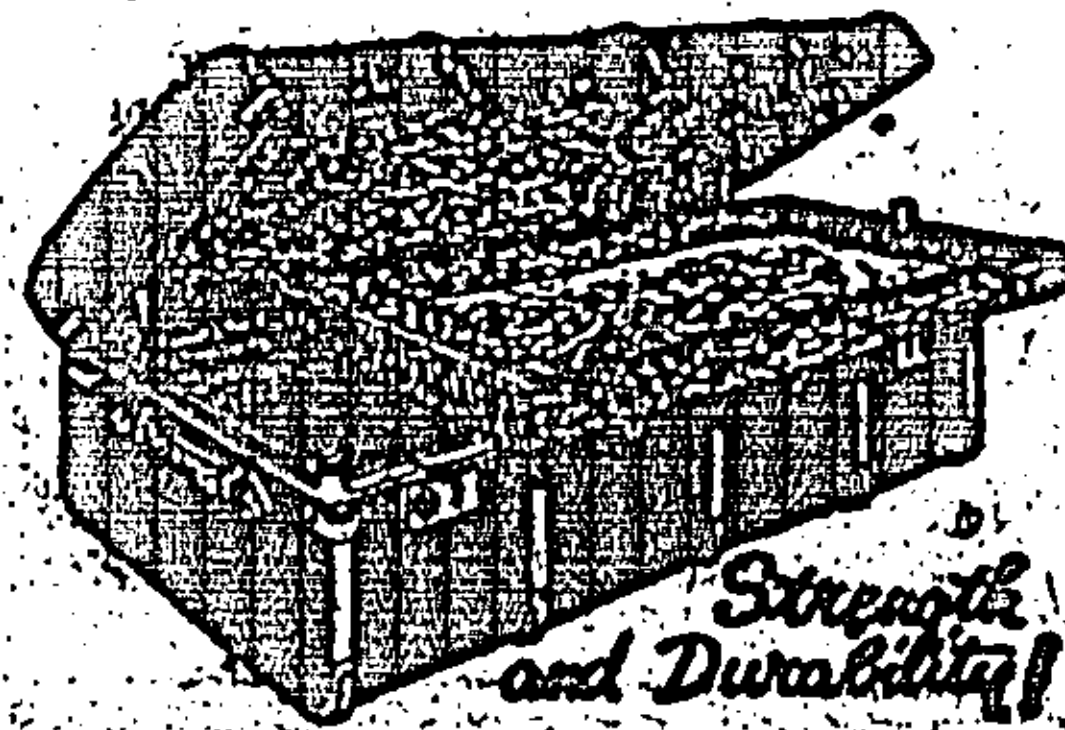
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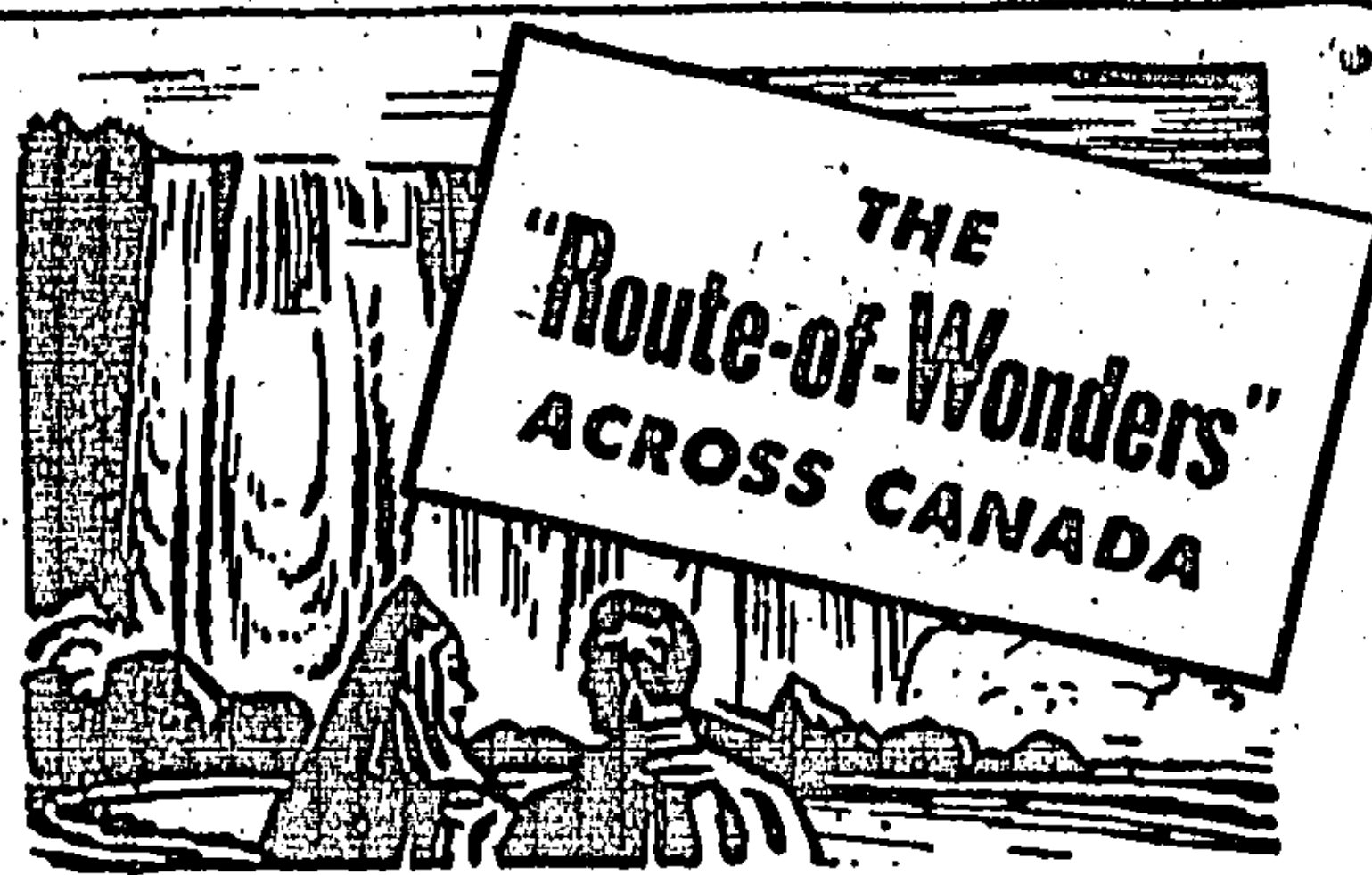
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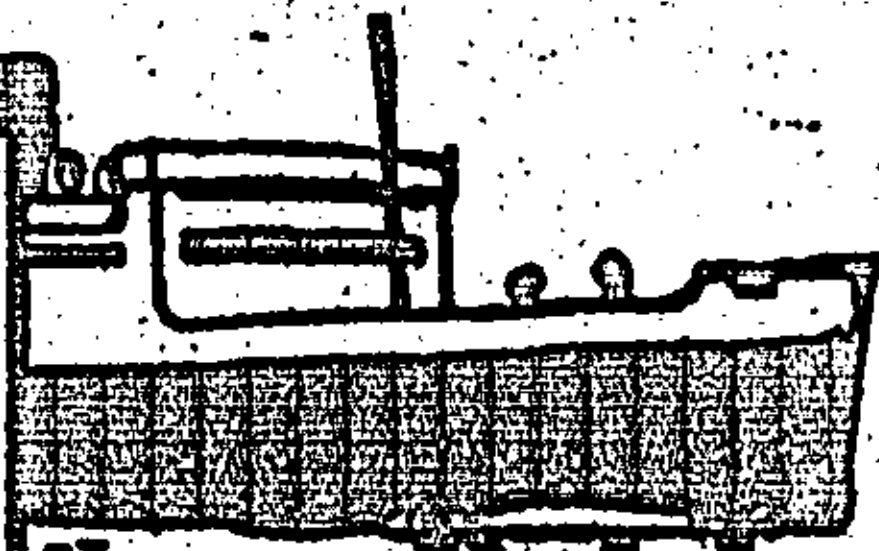
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FRIDAY

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Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.
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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.03 p.m.—Sea Shanties and Songs.

1.12 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—The Western Brothers in Variety.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.32 p.m.—Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

6.42 p.m.—Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—Studio—An appeal on behalf of The Hong Kong Benevolent Society by His Honour, Sir Atholl Macgregor.

7.50 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra (continued).

8.03 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

8.45 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Brahms—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2.

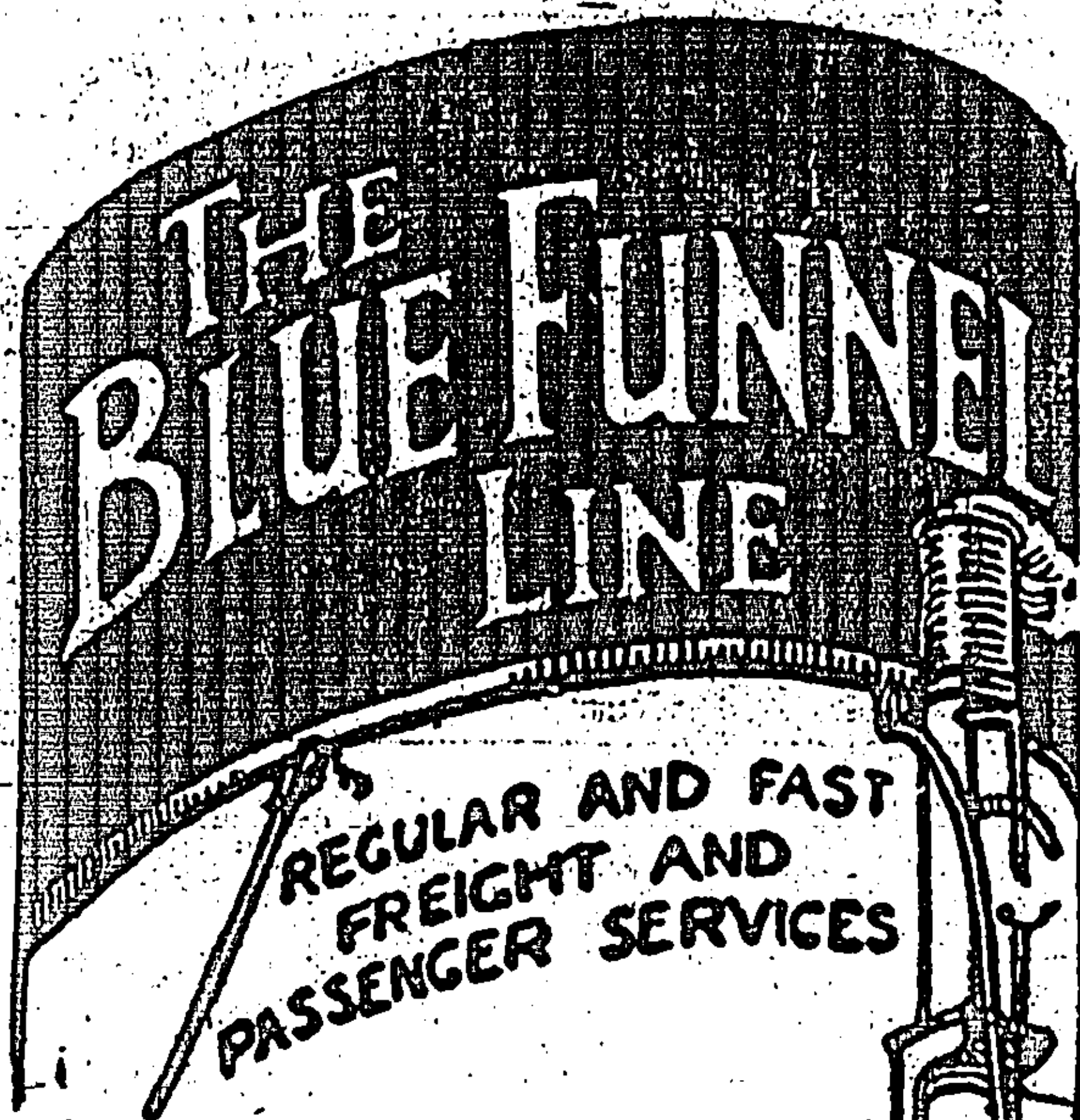
1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante moderato; 3rd Mov: Quasi menuetto, moderato; Allegretto vivace; Finale: Allegro non assai. Lener String Quartet.

10.00 p.m.—Schubert—"The Shepherd on the Rock" sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 9 in C Major.

1st Mov: Andante; Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante con moto; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro vivace) & Trio; Trio & Scherzo da Capo; 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro vivace) London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

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LAWRENCE HITS HARD: TAM'S CLASSIC INNINGS

University Cricket On Definite Up-Grade

Baker Bowls Well For Civil Service

By "Adrem"

APART FROM THE FACT THAT TWO CENTURIES WERE SCORED, OUTSTANDING GAME IN SATURDAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME WAS THE CLUB-UNIVERSITY FIXTURE AT CHATER ROAD IN WHICH UNIVERSITY DID EXTREMELY WELL TO WIN AFTER BEING SET 178 RUNS TO GET.

The University authorities' foresight in re-entering senior cricket is now bearing fruit. They had a very lean season last year and could have been beaten by quite a number of junior clubs, but, profiting by the experience gained and with the enthusiasm they have always shown however badly they have been beaten, they have improved steadily and I expect them to do quite well in the League.

Lawrence followed up his big innings the previous week against Army with a hard-hit century. He found all the bowling very poor and did more or less as he liked, scoring rapidly but not giving any real chance. Hong Choy's bowling was very much to his liking and he hit him for 29 in one over!

John Pearce made 29 not out and Alec Mackenzie got a few but Grosse failed, as he did again the following day against K.C.C.

A declaration was made at 3.45 and Cricket Club looked pretty safe for a win.

Tam's knock for University of course was the high spot of the match, it being described to me as being almost classic.

A left-hander Tam, unlike most of these gentry, scores most of his runs on the off. Quite frequently he goes right back to a ball off his leg stump and pushes it to extra cover. He scored elegantly off most of the bowlers and later Hong Choy came in to knock up a quick 46 not out to give University an easy win.

K.C.C. Again

Kowloon Cricket Club had another easy win, their victims this time being Civil Service, whom they beat at the Valley by four wickets.

Civil Service were given a good start by Richardson and Attwell. The latter was inclined to edge them but Richardson was his usual steady self and appeared to be set for a big score when he was well taken in the slips off Zimmerman.

Perry was bowled by a beautiful ball from Zimmerman which came in sharply from the off and which Perry evidently thought would miss the sticks and that started a rot which was only stemmed to a certain extent when Baker went in and laid about him with such vigour that he was still laying about him when the last man was dismissed. His most profitable shot was a hooked drive which brought him quite a number of his runs.

The Civil Service wicket, as is so often the case, was not very good and one was never quite sure what was going to happen after the ball pitched. Nevertheless Zimmerman kept a good length and bowled very well indeed, while Robbie Lee reproduced some of his best form and gave his most impressive performance thus far.

Hitherto his bowling has shown little life—it is probable that his thoughts have been on the golf course—but he appears to be regaining his keenness as he later bowled very well.

Bad Start

Kowloon started very badly. Baker in his first spell being right at the top of his form. He bowled Anderson with a ball that would have beaten anybody, although he modestly suggested that it had hit a bump on the pitch and its course from then on was not set by him. Imperturbable Francis Lay was also clean bowled and two wickets were down for 11 runs.

Ernie Fincher and Francis Zimmerman then stayed together and it was then only a question of how many wickets Kowloon would win by. Fincher's innings, although it was by no means a big one, Richardson holding him well on the boundary after he had scored 20,



did much to redeem a lengthy run of previous failures and must have restored his confidence quite a lot.

Hung was another man with a long string of poor scores to make up for and this was reflected in his batting, which was possibly more dour than usual. He batted very well for 30 and stayed in until the match was as good as won. Lee had the distinction of making the winning hit—a straight drive that was almost classic!

Baker was easily the best bowler in the Civil Service side and on his first spell he could well be described as the best bowler of his type in the Colony, but the remainder were not very good although Hawkins fooled Rapley with a donkey-drop that, from the pavilion, and to Rapley, appeared to take hours to come to earth!

The margin of Kowloon's victory, on paper, possibly does not look very great but there was never very much doubt in anybody's mind that the champions would win.

C.C.C. Surprised

Craigengower "A" team was surprised by a side described in the scorebook as "Tamar." Ismail and Souza, the Craigengower opening bowlers might have done very well against Civil Service the previous week but they presented no difficulties to the sailors. Wilson went early but Brown, West, Kilbee, Honeywell, Roughley, Allison and Holder, the succeeding batsmen, all made double-figure scores and the very fair total of 153 was reached.

This should not have been beyond Craigengower's capabilities and, although Broadbridge was dismissed by West, Archie Hung, George Souza and Ismail all made thirties and the total was taken to 83 for 3. After Ernie Zimmerman put his leg in front of one of Allison's, however, the hutch was well and truly open, and the remainder of the side who, it must be admitted, do not play regularly, failed miserably and were out for 129.

Allison was the steadiest of the Naval bowlers but Brown went on late and took 4 for 14.

INTERNATIONAL'S WEAKENED TEAM

International, who created the big surprise in football circles last Saturday when they beat the hitherto unbeaten Air Force team will be without several of their best players this week against Shell, owing to Volunteer Camp. Sprinkle, captain and left wing, will be absent and his place will be taken by J. Tavares with Iley, as inside left, and Body leading the attack.

Following is International team: U. D. Souza, V. M. Marques and D. Aquino; H. Campes, T. Rocha and W. Aycock; L. Rocha, S. Bux, R. Body, P. W. Hay and J. Tavares.

SAPPERS' CRICKET

TEAM

Following have been chosen to represent the Royal Engineers in friendly cricket matches this week-end.

SATURDAY

Away v. H.K.C.C. "A", 2 p.m.
Major D. C. E. Grosse, Major W. W. Parsons, Captain F. L. Freeman, S/Sgt. Megson, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Tropp.
Reserve:—S/Sgt. Kehoe and Spr. Goss.
Umpire:—Sgt. Clarke.
Scorer:—Spr. Cooke.

SUNDAY

Home v. C.C.C. at Sookunpoo, at 11 a.m.
Major W. W. Parsons, S/Lt. D. Holdiday, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Kehoe, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Tropp.
Reserve:—Spr. Goss.
Scorer:—Spr. Cooke.
Umpire:—Sgt. Clarke.

INTER-UNIT CRICKET ENDS IN DRAW

In a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army Pay Corps drew with the Medical Corps.

Medicals batted first and totalled 133 with Coombes (49) as top scorer. This batsman hit nine boundaries during his stay at the wicket. Chalcraft bowled well to return the analysis of 5 for 31.

Pay Corps started disastrously, losing three wickets for 6 runs but Murray, with a useful 30 which included 5 fours, stopped the rot and Hemming, going in late, made 33 to give his side a draw. He hit the ball to the ropes six times.

R.A.M.C.

The scores were as follows: Webb, c. Pendergast, b. Happe 15; Coombes, c. Ingleby, b. Chalcraft 49; Swyer, b. Chalcraft 27; Bright, b. Murray 4; Shorthouse, b. Chalcraft 5; Harrison, c. Hemming, b. Chalcraft 0; Lawrence, c. Adam, b. Murray 0; Wyre, c. Murray, b. Chalcraft 11; Britnell, b. Ingleby 1; Don, b. Ingleby 1; Fokkink, not out 4.
Extras (B11, LB3, NB2) 16.

Totals 133

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Ingleby 8 0 30 2
Happe 3 0 27 1
Chalcraft 8 2 31 5
Murray 4 0 29 2

R.A.P.C.

Ingleby, b. Wyre 2
Wilton, b. Coombes 4
Murray, c. Don, b. Coombes 30
Chalcraft, b. Wyre 0
Pendergast, c. Harrison, b. Coombes 8
Adam, b. Wyre 0
Happe, b. Harrison 5
Hemming, c. Bright, b. Lawrence 33
Stone, not out 4
Pinkney, not out 4
Extras (W3, B8, LB0) 18

Total (for 8 wickets) 107

Smart did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Wyre 8 1 28 3
Coombes 6 0 21 3
Bright 3 1 14 0
Harrison 4 0 15 1
Webb 2 1 6 0
Lawrence 1 0 6 1

COLLEDGE, LAWRENCE LAY ON THE WOOD

By "Adrem"

DESCRIBED BY S. A. Gray, the Kowloon skipper, as the finest match he had played in thus far this season, the fixture at Cox's Road between K.C.C. and Civil Service was a thrilling affair in which the batting was bright and excitement in the closing stages intense.

Brightest period in the Civil Service innings was when veteran F. E. Lawrence and W. H. Colledge were together. Lawrence played the type of innings with which he was frequently associated when he played regularly for K.C.C. 1st XI, hitting furiously at anything that could be reached and hitting just as furiously if it could not! A good innings, nevertheless, and one that was nice to watch and only terminated when he rushed out at one and did not have the strength to go into reverse and get back in time.

Polished Innings

Colledge's innings was far more polished than Lawrence's. Only reason why he was not playing in the senior team was an injured knee which made him feel unwilling to risk action more via cricket than he hoped to get at K.C.C. He too became very weary towards the end and his presentation of a slumping chance to Brokenshire savoured very much of a desire for a comfortably chair and a long, cool drink!

The K.C.C. bowling was not good and the fielding was atrocious and I am told that had all the chances been accepted, Civil Service very likely would not have reached much more than 100.

Baxter and Bertram Lay gave Kowloon a good start. Baxter played his usual stolid sort of game but Lay was batting beautifully and appeared likely to get a big score when he called a run, was sent back by Baxter, and run out. As he was evidently seeing them as big as a football it is not unlikely that K.C.C. would have won the match if he had stayed—his 28 runs were secured in about 12 minutes!

Young Burch, who did so well against Recreio recently, failed to reproduce that form against a much weaker side and was stumped by Colledge off Cunningham for a duck. Gray, however, settled down quickly to play one of the best knocks of the innings—a knock described to me by the person best able to judge—as "casual"

E. T. Lawrence, the Shanghai player, made 18 and then Fenton went in to play a breezy innings of 38. Straight, powerful driving was the feature of a very useful effort in which safety was definitely made a minor consideration. Brokenshire played what must have been the biggest innings in his career and has every reason to feel satisfied with his afternoon's work as he also had his best bag behind the sticks—two stumpings and the same number of catches.

Police Beaten Again

Police met with another of their regular defeats on Saturday, their conquerors on this occasion being I.R.C.

Pope stayed away from football and turned out to take 4 for 45 and Carey was once again in form with the ball but, although these two were largely responsible for I.R.C. being put out for 113, J. M. A. Rummah and H. T. Barma alone making useful scores, this proved good enough for Police who gave a sorry batting performance and were all out for 80. Arculli took 3 for 21 and Abbas, as usual, took cheap wickets—four on this occasion for 28.

Schoolboys Do Well

A team of schoolboys did not by any means do badly against a fairly strong Recreio "A" team and did well to lose by only 33 runs. Nevertheless I cannot help thinking that if Ozorio had been kept on after he had taken 2 for 1



in three overs, two of which were maidens, the young hopefuls would have had a very sorry looking score-sheet. L. Remedios and Brown, for the schoolboys, bowled extremely well to share the wickets and put Recreio out for 94. This score would have been even worse if it had not been for Soares and Eddie Gosano, both, of course, regular members of the first team.

The schoolboys were never impressive with the bat and although there was something of a stand made by Remedios, Rull and L. Remedios, Alves went on late to take four cheap wickets and finish off the innings.

D.B.S. Beat St. Joseph's

Diocesan Boys' School had much the better of their old rivals, St. Joseph's, in a match at Homuntin featured by some splendid bowling performances. Macapley was almost unplayable for D.B.S. and took 7 for 14, while Asome and S. K. Khan took 6 for 45 and 4 for 37 respectively for the Saints. Whitfield, Ebrahim and Ho were the only batsmen on either side to do anything of note.

In the only other match R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. drew at Sookunpoo. Barnes, Emberson and Standing were the most successful Ordnance batsmen, while Murray's 76 not out was easily the finest performance of the match. Lockhurst, of the Pay Corps, took 5 for 32 and bowled very steadily.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET

At Pokfulam yesterday, Medical "A" beat Medical "B" in an intra-faculty friendly cricket match.

MEDICAL "B"
N. Singh, lbw, b. Mahmood 8
Chelliah, b. Mahmood 4
C. W. Hoel, c. and b. Sen Gupta 21
P. S. Bux, b. Huang 2
Amiralli, c. Chin, b. Mahmood 19
T. B. Teoh, b. Sen Gupta 13
Tan Luan Hoo, c. Fenton, b. Sen Gupta 1
Amplavanan, lbw, b. Huang 27
L. H. Tan, c. Huang, b. Sen Gupta 4
T. M. Oh, not out 0
T. B. Teoh, b. Huang 0
Extras (B20) 23

Total 128

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Mahmood 10 0 27 3
Huang 7 2 38 3
Fenton 3 4 4 0
Sen Gupta 3 1 27 4

MEDICALS "A"

Fenton, b. Amplavanan 6
Mahmood, b. Singh 0
K. S. Oh, b. Amplavanan 18
Sen Gupta, c. Singh, b. Amplavanan 9
Huang, b. Chelliah 34
N. S. Ool, b. Amplavanan 4
T. B. Chin, run out 42
G. Choa, c. Singh, b. W. C. Hoo 15
K. S. Chow, retired 14
W. S. Lee, not out 12
Extras (B11, LB0) 19

Total (for 9 wickets) 173

Bowling Analysis
O M R W
Singh 9 0 27 1
Amplavanan 6 0 31 4
Chelliah 3 0 30 2
Luan Hoo 2 0 13 0
Teoh 2 0 14 0
W. C. Hoo 1 0 9 0

Three Soccer Interports May Be Held Next Year Against Macao, Shanghai And Burma South China To Visit Manila

THE PROBABILITY that there will be three soccer interports next year was revealed at the monthly meeting of the council of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Wang Ka-tsun.

Shanghai Football Association have replied to Hong Kong's invitation to send a team here during the Chinese New Year Holidays, saying that the matter would be discussed at their next committee meeting. The letter was written late in November and the Secretary was instructed to write Shanghai for a definite answer as soon as possible.

In anticipation of a favourable reply from Shanghai an interport committee, composed of Messrs. G. Guilgum, W. E. Hollands, J. McKelvie, W. Chen, J. Skinner, Capt. Peal and R. M. Omar, was appointed.

The suggestion of the Macao Football Association that the interport game with that port be played on April 21 was accepted. The Burma Football Association, whose request to be accommodated for a series of games here during January was refused, have written stating that, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made in the Straits for matches, they hope to visit Hong Kong in April.

The matter was left in abeyance. The application of the Chinese Amateur Sports Club for affiliation and entrance to the Junior Shield Competition was granted.

The application of the Combined Royal Artillery to be permitted to participate in the Senior Shield was discussed. It was decided that they be permitted to enter the competition. No player chosen by them and playing in the Senior Shield would be permitted to again play in the Junior competition.

South China were granted permission to visit Manila during February on condition that they return in time for the Second Round of the Shield Competition on February 21.

Mr. W. Chen, of South China, said that his club had only one fixture during the period they hoped to be away and that there would be no interruption of the fixtures.

They had only one game during that period and this could be played off before their departure.

Permission for Annual match in aid of Hospital Christmas comforts between the University and Hospital Staff, to be played on Sunday, was granted. A donation of \$100 to this fund was also made.

It was also decided that a donation of £25 be made to Courtney, of Middlesex, for comforts while in hospital. Courtney is in hospital in England, suffering from the effects of a lorry accident while in Hong Kong.

A charity game between the Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony was arranged for New Year's day in aid of the B.W.O.F. and "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

REST TEAMS FOR CHARITY GAMES

Following have been chosen to represent the Rest of the Association in the charity games at Causeway Bay on Sunday December 22:

Rest "A":—Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police); (Capt.) and D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phillips (Navy); Le Page (Navy); Hendy (Navy); Howlett (Police); and Marable (Middlesex).

Reserves:—Hussain (St. Joseph's); Honeywell (Navy); Saw (Middlesex); and Blake (Kowloon).

Rest "B":—Reynolds (Ordnance); Roughley (Navy); (Capt.) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Maxwell (Kowloon); Parnby (Royal Scots) and North (Police); Owens (20th Battery); Polham (Engineers); Fox (Engineers); O'Regan (Navy) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—Britt (Navy); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy) and Howler (Club).

ENGLAND'S STRONG XI

Following have been chosen to represent England against Portugal in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition on Boxing Day:

Robinson (Navy); Roughley (Navy); and Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police); Bright (Middlesex); (Capt.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Coomes (Middlesex); Le Page (Navy); Hendy (Navy); Fox (Engineers) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—Moxham (Engineers); Britt (Navy); Parker (Middlesex); Strange (Club); Honeywell (Navy); Thomas (Middlesex); Saw (Middlesex); Barber (Navy); Fowler (Club) and Marable (Middlesex).

SOCCER SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Senior Shield competition and the Preliminary Round of the Junior Competition:

SENIOR
Sing Tao v Middlesex
South China v Club
Royal Artillery v Eastern
Kowloon v Kowloon
Joseph's, Police, Royal Scots and Navy.

JUNIOR
v Service Corps
v Ordnance
v Chinese Sports Club
v Kowloon
v Sing Tao "A"
v Club
v 24th R.A.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP DRAW

Following is the draw for the Semi-Final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition:

CHRISTMAS DAY
Scotland v China (holders)
(Boundary Road, 3.30 p.m.)

BOXING DAY
Portugal v England
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)

Saints' Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football match against Sing Tao on Sunday:—
St. Tsang; A. J. Hussain and A. J. Leonard; W. Maher, G. Fernandes and Lau Wing-kong; R. M. Cruz, C. Santos, C. MacDonald; J. Gomes and A. R. Leonard.

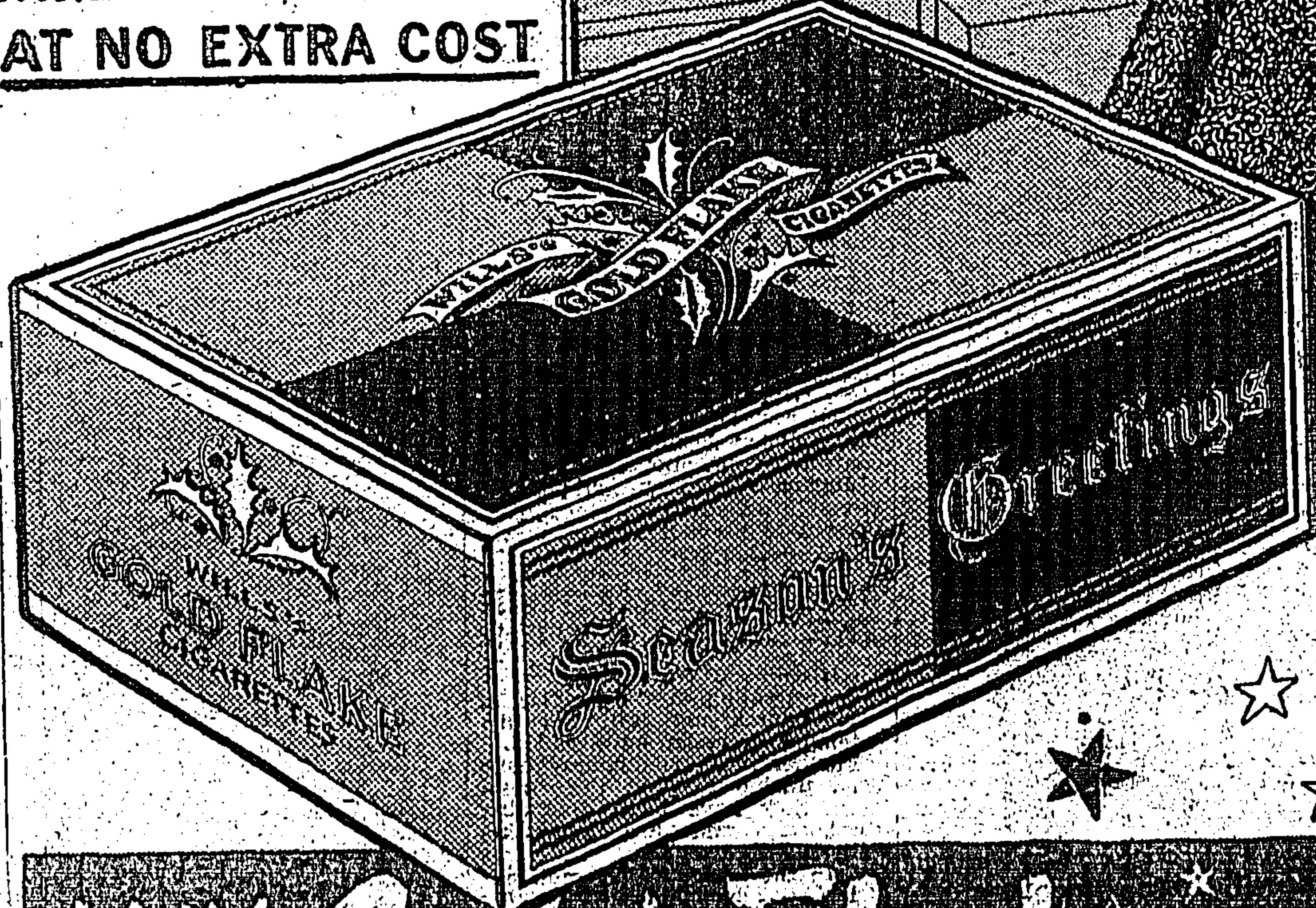
Reserves:—T. Ali, J. Bowen and A. Rumjahn.

Owing to Volunteer Camp the Third Division football match between the A.S.A. and 24th Royal Artillery scheduled for Sunday, December 15 has been postponed.

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TANGIER ISSUE REVIVED

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO THE ITALIAN SUBMARINES AT TANGIER. MR. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO A QUESTION.

There has been a delay in the repairs to Italian submarines which took refuge in the International Zone some weeks ago, he said, and they are not yet seaworthy.

The Spanish Government has granted them a further period in which to complete repairs.

Spain Left Under No Misapprehension

In the meantime, said Mr. Butler, the British Ambassador had put the whole British case regarding Tangier in a very strong and definite light to the Spanish Government.

Dealing with a suggestion that the Spanish authorities were erecting permanent fortifications at Tangier, Mr. Butler said his information did not indicate such a development.

The British Government was watching the situation closely and the Spanish Government was left in no doubt as to the importance the British Government attached to the question.—Reuter.

Stormy Diet Sessions Predicted

WITH THE RAPID APPROACH OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE A STORMY SESSION OF THE DIET AN EARLY MAJOR RESHUFFLE OF THE KONOYE CABINET IS RUMOURED — AS AN EXPEDIENT TO ENLIST MORE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE INCREASINGLY BITTER STRIFE BETWEEN RIGHTEST EXTREMISTS AND THE MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN JAPANESE POLITICS.

Any changes would mainly affect Ministers who have fallen in bad favour with the pro-Nazi camp.

These are rumoured to include the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka; the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, and the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kobayashi.

Mr. Matsuoka, who has been rather mild in word and deed for one of his radical reputation, is reported to have lost the confidence of the pro-Nazi camp by virtue of his appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Shiratori, ex-Ambassador to Germany, and at present official "adviser" to the Foreign Minister, is said to be bitterly opposed to Admiral Nomura's appointment.

Admiral Unpopular

Admiral Oikawa is said to be unpopular because of his policy of caution in regard to the prosecution of Japan's southward advancement ambitions.

Military extremists are reported to be highly dissatisfied with the Government's present policy of trying to obtain what it wants from the Netherlands East Indies by negotiation, as was done in French Indo-China. So strong have been the demands of the extremists that rumour has set December as the deadline for "positive" action in regard to the N.E.I.

U.S. Navy Announcement

The announcement, however, that a detachment of the United States Navy is scheduled to make a "goodwill" visit in that vicinity in the near future, may possibly tend to support Admiral Oikawa's policy.

As regards Mr. Kobayashi, he is believed to have added little to his personal prestige during his negotiations with the N.E.I. authorities.

The recent controversy and subsequent compromise on national economic policy is also seen by some as a loss of face for Mr. Kobayashi.

"Purge" Danger

Whether a purge of those whom the pro-Nazi elements oppose would be accepted by those who hold grave doubts about an ultimate German victory in Europe, remains doubtful.

The progress of the Italo-Greek conflict and the lack of progress on other fronts in Europe have done little to dispel those doubts.

The possibility of a complete change in Government cannot be excluded entirely, although resignation on the eve of the Diet session by Prince Konoze would meet with scant public approval, which remains an important factor in Japan despite all efforts to control it from above.

Japanese military and political circles are said to be working at present to prevent such a possibility. — Reuter.

VIOLENT BATTLE IN THE TEVELI SECTOR

(Continued from Page 1)
is retreating to the heights of Khamarra and all his attempts to resist have failed.

Further north the enemy have been unable to hold the positions they have been defending stubbornly and are retreating here also.

In the region of Prometi our troops, advancing further into the interior of Albania, have taken heights of great strategic value.

Still further north the Italians were driven from strongly fortified heights which are so valuable strategically that they tried to make the positions but suffered most severe losses.

The Greeks are giving Italians no breathing space to build a new fortified line. — Reuter.

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Greek columns driving on the Italian coastal base at Palermo, en route to Valona and the inland highway centre of Tepelini, were authoritatively reported in Athens last night to be "steam roller-ing," all Fascist opposition on the southern Albanian front. —International News Service.

Wavell's Forces DANGER OF DEBACLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SWIFT CAPTURE BY THE BRITISH IMPERIAL FORCES OF SIDI BARRANI, THE MAJOR DISASTER INFLICTED ON GENERAL GRAZIANI'S ARMIES STRUNG OUT IN EGYPT BY THE SPEED AND SKILL WITH WHICH THE ITALIAN 30-MILE-LONG SPEARHEAD WAS NIPPED OFF FROM BUG-BUG TO SIDI BARRANI, WITH THE CAPTURE OF THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS AND HUGE QUANTITIES OF WAR MATERIALS, HAS ELECTRIFIED MILITARY EXPERTS.

Britain's smashing victory was gained by methodical planning, deadly swift strokes when the coup was launched and perfect co-operation between the army, the air force and the Royal Navy, whose bombardments at Sollum and elsewhere prevented Graziani from relieving his divisions trapped at Sidi Barrani.

SPRATLY ISLAND RUMOUR

Reports from Indo-China that Japan is concentrating forces at Spratly Island, between Indo-China and Borneo, for the possible purpose of blockading Singapore, are being received with considerable scepticism in Washington.

It is believed in the American capital that Japan is hardly likely to do anything in the near future likely to bring her into open armed conflict with Britain, especially in view of the present misfortune of the Axis arms and the lack of any protective non-aggression arrangement with Russia.

In addition it is believed that the new British credit to China and the new American restriction on metal exports to Japan, plus the renewed concentration of American naval strength at Hawaii, is more likely to act as a brake on Japanese adventuring than motivation for more.

The new British credit, many observers think, recognises the wars of Europe and Asia as fundamentally one and for all practical purposes makes China an ally of Britain in contesting the Nazi objective of world domination. —Reuter.

VIOLENT BATTLE IN THE TEVELI SECTOR

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Yugoslav-Albanian Frontier)

VIOLENT FIGHTING continued yesterday in the Teveli sector, where the Italians, who have been reinforced, are making desperate efforts to prevent the Greeks from descending into the river valley.

In the Skumbi Valley, which leads to Elbasan, the Greeks have advanced to positions in front of Vrepka.

BLOCKADE RUNNER CAUGHT

THE GERMAN CARGO STEAMER RHEIN, WHICH LEFT TAMPICO (MEXICO) 12 DAYS AGO TO RUN THE BRITISH BLOCKADE, HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED BY A DUTCH WARSHIP SOMEWHERE IN THE WESTERN ATLANTIC, ACCORDING TO AN INFORMED SOURCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY.

IT WAS ADDED THAT FIRE WAS SEEN ON BOARD THE RHEIN AS THE WARSHIP CLOSED IN BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE NAZI CRAFT SUBSEQUENTLY SANK OR WAS CAPTURED. —REUTER.

Desperate Italian counter-attacks, intended to hold up Greek progress, have failed.

North of Podgradetz, where fierce fighting is progressing, the Greeks are maintaining their positions despite all attacks.

Along the Lake Ohrida coast road the Greeks have advanced slightly despite snow and rain.

Groups of Italians are crossing the border to surrender to the Yugoslav authorities.

Port Of Valona Bombed

The R.A.F. again bombed Valona on Tuesday and a vessel in harbour was hit while other bombs fell among buildings, a munition dump and in a motor transport park.

This was announced at R.A.F. headquarters in Greece yesterday. It was added that all British aircraft returned safely to base.

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General Wavell's heavy blow is viewed as an indication that Britain is doing her level best to stage another Dunkirk but this time with the roles reversed and the R.A.F. on the attacking end, while the enemy flounders for safety to the sea.

The joint campaigns in Albania and Egypt against Mussolini's legions are directed toward just this objective, and if either or both succeed, the world may witness a military debacle that has had few parallels.

Mr. Winston Churchill's speech describing the successful evacuation of 300,000 trapped British troops from Dunkirk is still fresh in the memory.

He told how, under the wings of Nazi bombers, tired, discouraged and powder-blackened Tommies had been ferried across the Channel in warships, transports, yachts, yawls and even flat-bottomed rowboats. Nothing was lacking save the sea-green cockleshell of the owl and the pussy cat.

Mussolini's Plight

But Mussolini can hardly hope for any successful repetition of the Dunkirk miracle, for conditions in the Mediterranean and the English Channel are as different as they can be. The British at Dunkirk were aided by the almost always present Channel fog, which spoiled the aim of German bombers, and the whole rank and file of the sea-going Channel population of England chipped in to aid in the rescue.

Mussolini has not the advantage of any similar breed of sailing-men.

Happy Hunting Ground

But most important is that both the Mediterranean and Adriatic usually experience bright sunshine and the R.A.F. stationed at Malta, Corfu, Crete and Alexandria will have nothing less than happy hunting from start to finish if the Italians find it neces-

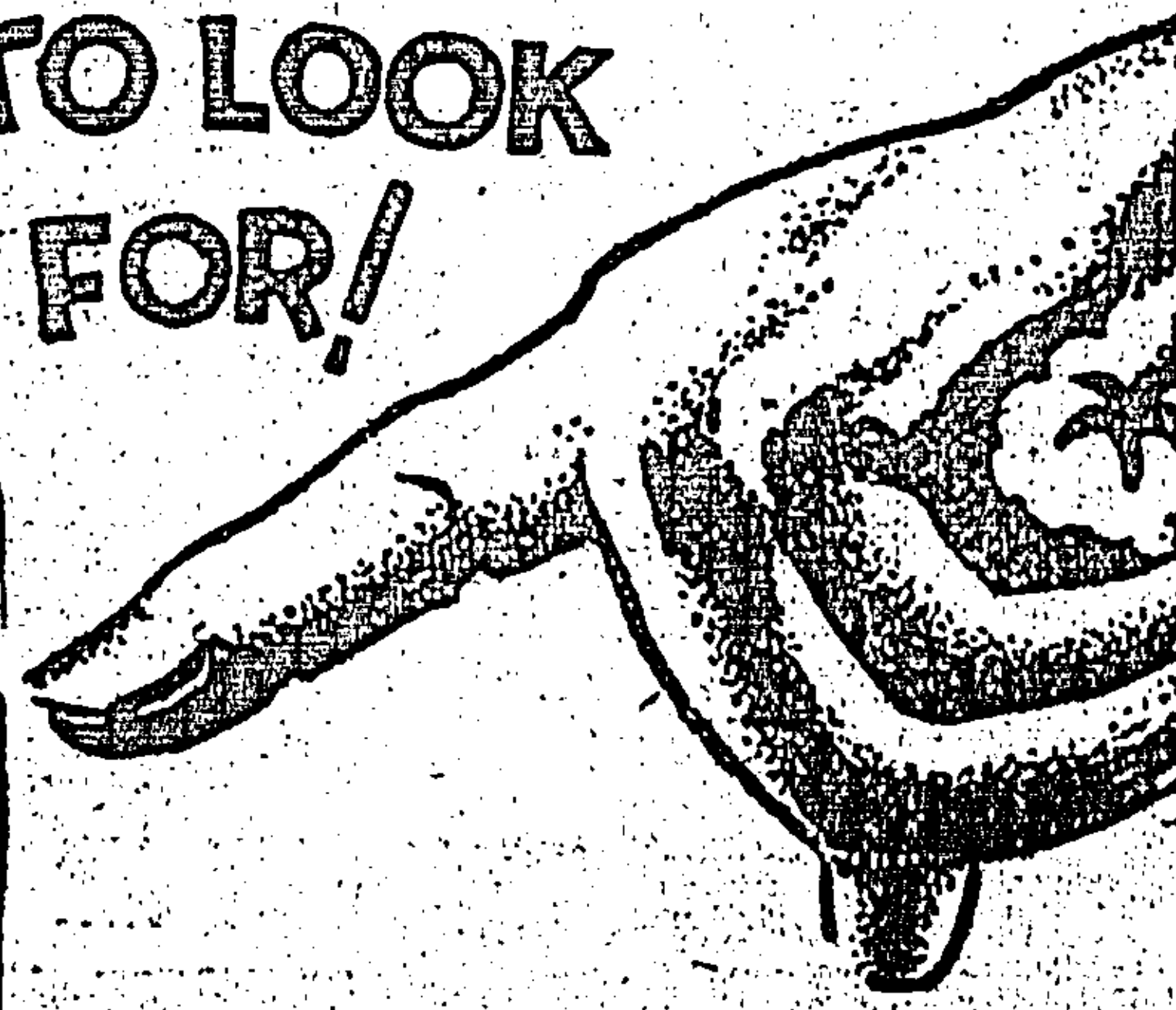
sary to desert their Albanian and African bases and strike for home by sea.

Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, is reported to be going to Berlin, possibly for advice.

He may be told there is none to give, for the Germans thus far have been scrupulously careful to keep themselves out of the sort of trap Il Duce seems to have set for himself. —International News Service.

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UNCEASING ACTIVITY BY R.A.F. OVER DESERT Camps, Concentrations And Transport Bombed Command Of The Air Established

THE BOMBING of all Italian aerodromes in the Libyan desert continued throughout Tuesday; two enemy camps, troop concentrations and motor transport were repeatedly bombed, stated an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

Six enemy aircraft were certainly shot down while three others were seen falling out of control.

HITLER LOSING GRIP

As might have been expected, the press of the world did not think much of Hitler's speech on Monday.

The New York "Herald Tribune" comments that it is "not quite the speech for the Conqueror of the Universe!"

The New York "Times" calls it an apologetic performance.

"The German workers, underfed, underpaid, tired and dissatisfied, were clearly the real objective of Hitler's attention," the paper continues.

"They have seen the Promised Land for years — but the gates are not yet open."

The Washington "Post" thinks that the most significant aspect of the speech was its silences—there was no mention of the Italian disaster, the "New Order" or the invasion of Britain.

Instead, Hitler's audience was told that the Reich was safe from invasion.

The London "Times" dealt with this point yesterday.

Hitler, says "The Times," was at pains to emphasise what would happen if Britain tried to set foot on the Continent.

It is the first time that he has publicly contemplated such a contingency.

No doubt he has been studying the progress of the campaign against Italy and the opening of the British offensive in the Western Desert.—Reuter.

FRENCH AID IN DESERT OFFENSIVE

The part taken by the Free French Forces in the Egyptian offensive, in co-operation with the British forces, was described in a communique from General de Gaulle's Headquarters in London yesterday.

The communique states that advanced units of French troops have taken a number of prisoners and war material in the Sidi Barrani district.

It adds that a battalion of marines has been specially mentioned in army quarters by General de Gaulle.

"At the frontier of Chad and Libya, Free French Forces have completely occupied a zone of French territory.—Reuter.

Further enemy aircraft were destroyed on El-Aden aerodrome during a particularly heavy raid on Tuesday night.

High explosive bombs set fire to several hangars while direct hits were registered on dispersed aircraft, several of which exploded. Fires were visible 60 miles away.

In the Bardia-Sollum area many bombs were dropped on motor transport concentrations, while the enemy camp at Sofafi was heavily bombed.

Sollum Attacked

The Fleet Air Arm cooperated with the R.A.F. in attacking barracks at Bardia and the escarpment road at Sollum, while other aircraft bombed the landing ground.

One enemy aircraft on the ground at Gazala was destroyed, bringing the total to 10, in addition to a further unknown number destroyed or badly damaged.

During these operations, which continued throughout 24 hours, one British aircraft failed to return to base.—Reuter.

CANADIAN AIR ACE IN COMMAND

A CANADIAN AIR "ACE" IS LEADING THE R.A.F. SQUADRONS WHICH HAVE COMPLETELY DOMINATED THE AIR OVER THE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT.

He is Air Commodore Raymond Collinshaw, who shot down 60 enemy planes in the last war.—Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST STIR

NEWS OF THE BRITISH SUCCESS IN THE WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PARTICULARLY IN EGYPT AND GREECE.

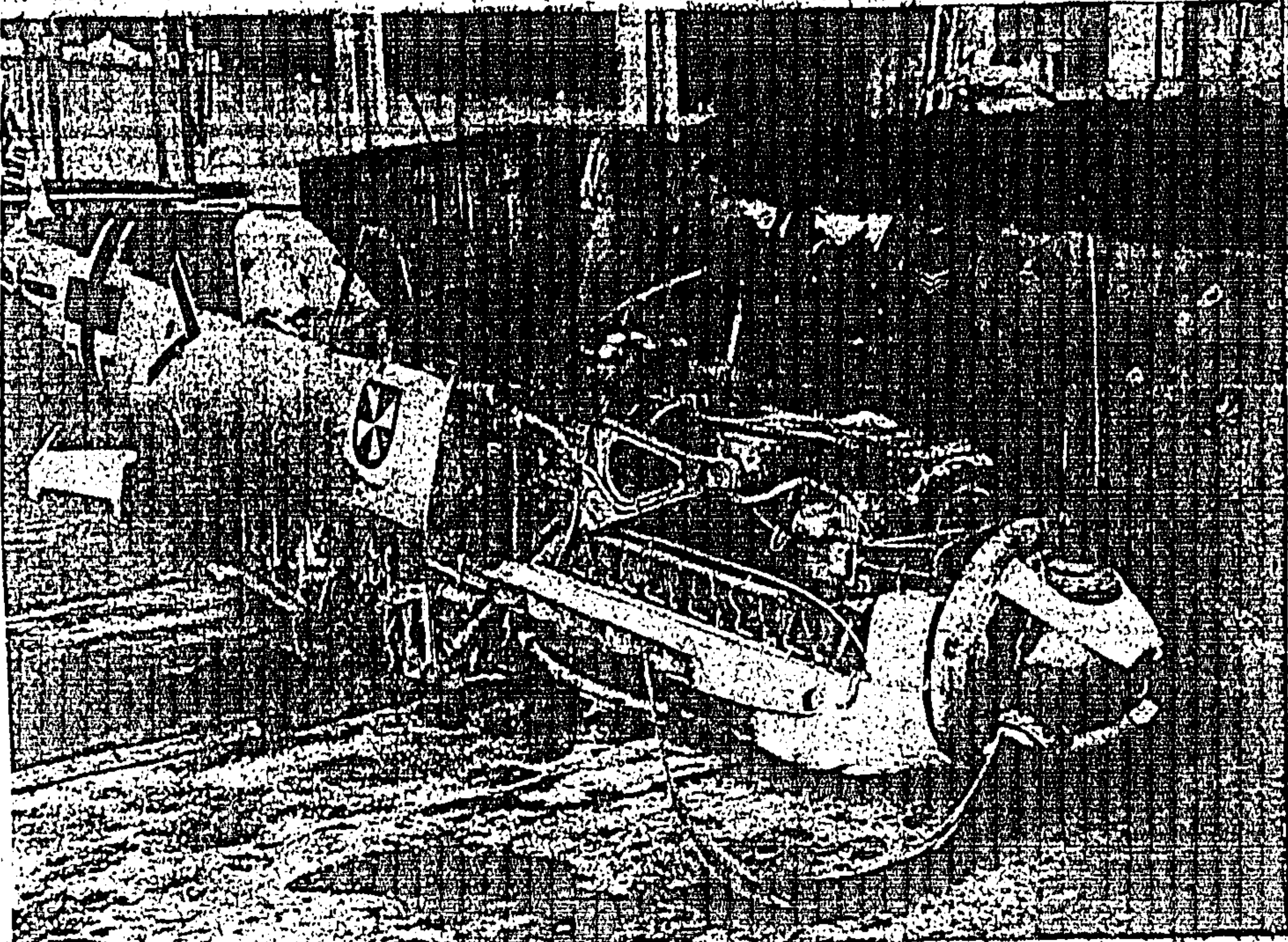
The Athens newspaper "Hestia" yesterday commented that from the bottom of their hearts the Greek people "desire that the valiant soldiers of the British Empire" should give a good lesson to the Fascist troops.

The Greeks are sure of a British victory, the paper says.—Reuter.

NEW AIR MARSHAL ARRIVES IN EGYPT

AIR MARSHAL A. W. TEDDER HAS ARRIVED IN CAIRO AND COMMENCED DUTIES AS DEPUTY TO THE AIR OFFICER COMMANDING THE R.A.F. IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

This was the post Air Marshal Boyd was en-route to take up when captured by the Italians after a forced landing in Sicily in November.—Reuter.



Many Nazi planes shot down in Britain have crashed and yet remained in fair condition. Some of these have been repaired and carefully examined by the R.A.F. structural experts and are now in flying condition, enabling our pilots to know just what the other man is undergoing while in the air. R.A.F. sergeants are here seen examining the engine of a crashed Messerschmitt 109. (Copyright Fox).

ARMY'S BOUND ACROSS ROADLESS DESERT TRACKS

STILL IN EARLY STAGES

Military circles in London yesterday evening emphasised that the operations in the Western Desert are still in the preliminary phase.

There is no question of a breakthrough, as there are no established lines in the accepted sense of the term, but just perimeter camps, some of which have already been attacked with complete success.

These circles stressed that the operations must be kept in the proper perspective in relation to the vast area of the desert in which they are being conducted.

At the same time, if the British hold on to Bug Bug, a large force of Italians is in danger of being cut off.—Reuter.

SYRIA RESTIVE

While Italian Bersaglieri troops are policing the Palestine-Syrian frontier a steady extension of the Free French movement and increasing feeling against the Vichy Government are evident throughout Syria.

General de Gaulle's appeal for cooperation is reported to be finding widespread sympathy despite the severe censorship but it is understood that the lack of a strong leadership within Syria to marshal this anti-Vichy feeling is seriously felt.

The arrests of Free French sympathisers continue, supporters of the movement being replaced by Vichy supporters.—Reuter.

THE BRITISH BOUND across the roadless track of scrub-covered desert has already justified the foresight of the British Army authorities, who for nearly a decade, have worked on the adaptation of motor transport for desert warfare.

The story starts in 1931 when, military circles in London recall, a medley of different types of vehicles were tried out for over 5,000 miles over all kinds of terrain in North Africa.

Experience gained then and since proved of utmost value to the Army in Egypt.

Compared with the campaign in Albania, distances in Egypt are enormous.

Taking into account both Libya and Italian East Africa the front extends 3,500 miles, or longer than the Canadian-American frontier.

Present operations, from the viewpoint of a mechanised army, are most timely as the sand is much harder than at any other time of year.

Decisive Success

News of the capture of Sidi Barrani suggests that the British arms have scored a decisive success which, if followed up resolutely and hard, may have tremendous repercussions on the morale of the Italians and on the internal political situation in Italy.

From bare details at present available this would seem to be the moment to push ahead with the utmost vigour and determination, says Reuter's military commentator, with a view to pressing the advantage already gained and obtaining far-reaching benefits.

The problem of Libya is not a single problem. It cannot be divorced from the situation in Greece. The two must be considered together.

At all points, the Italians must be given no respite and the utmost pressure must be maintained on every front in order to obtain decisive results.

2,000 More Prisoners

OVER 2,000 MORE ITALIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN PRISONER IN THE WESTERN DESERT DURING OPERATIONS IN THE 24 HOURS UP TO YESTERDAY EVENING. THIS MAKES A TOTAL OF 6,000 SO FAR.

An official communique, announcing this, said that quantity of war material has also been captured but this has not yet been sorted out.

Active patrolling is continuing in the Sudan area.—Reuter.

THANKS TO COLONIES

The Minister of Aircraft Production has written to the Governor of the Gold Coast thanking him for the action of the "generous hearted people of the Gold Coast in subscribing the magnificent sum £50,000 to the Spitfire Fund and thereby proclaiming to the world their unshakable determination to play a part in the Empire's struggle against the forces of evil."

The Madras Governor's War Fund has been increased by £15,000 to £240,954. Gambia has given a further £500 as a further contribution to the Colony's Spitfire Fund.—British Wireless.

ROOF SPOTTING ACHIEVEMENT

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour said in a Commons answer yesterday that very many hours of production had been saved by the "roof spotting" system during air raids and that an increasing proportion of firms engaged on war work were operating schemes whereby production continued until danger was imminent.—British Wireless.

WAR AIMS STATEMENT RUMOURS PREMATURE

Principles Still Under Examination

(By Reuter's Lobby Correspondent)

STATEMENTS REGARDING AN IMPENDING BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT OF WAR AIMS ARE PREMATURE. FOR SOME TIME PAST THE CABINET HAS BEEN GIVING PROVISIONAL EXAMINATION TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MIGHT GUIDE A GENERAL SETTLEMENT.

It is intended, when the Government has brought these provisional discussions to a more definite stage, that the Dominion and Allied Governments shall be consulted upon them.

It is obvious that no public statement can be expected meanwhile.

In any case, such a statement could only be on general lines, as it is not possible to foresee what basic developments may take place in the war situation.

Furthermore, the Government must bear in mind that while it may be desirable to make known what Great Britain and her Allies are fighting for, it is not desirable to place any handicap in advance on any government which might succeed them after the war is won, or to revive party strife by enunciating proposals which could cause controversy, and weaken the war effort.

Early In New Year

A British statement is not expected before the New Year but it is expected that the Prime Minister will take an early opportunity in 1941 to make a pronouncement to the world on the subject of the Allies' war aims.

In this connection it may be recalled that President Roosevelt makes his inauguration speech at Washington early in January — an occasion which would seem inevitably to promise a declaration of importance from the President of the United States. — Reuter.

Mr. Morrison's View Of New World Order

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, in a speech yesterday dealing with the purpose and outcome of the war, pointed to the possibility of a cooperative international system guaranteed by an international police force.

"Never again," Mr. Morrison said, "shall it be possible for a ruthless bomber force to terrorise a continent, to smash homes and cities, to crush the innocent bodies of women and children, to blast into power the fruits of man's toil and the monuments of his greatness.

Whatever else peace may bring or take away that at least must go for ever. The separate air force, the Tommy-gun of the international gangster, must be abolished.

Mr. Morrison went on to say that deeper cooperation than the mere striking of a bargain was necessary.

"Nations must be ready to sacrifice many independent rights. It is not enough to abolish tariff walls and competitive armaments.

"We must have an order in which every man is free not only to think and talk but to work too for constructive ends.

"I see no reasonable hope of freedom until we can achieve a conscious and deliberate mobilisation of our economic resources on a cooperative international plan." — British Wireless.

HOME IN A HURRY

EIGHT MESSERSCHMIDT 109s APPROACHED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AND THEN SUDDENLY TURNED AND MADE FOR HOME IN A HURRY.

Watchers on the ground soon saw the reason for their flight.

A patrol of "Spitfires" came across the sky, headed for Germany. — Reuter.

HELLENIC TRADER RELEASED

Detained by the Japanese naval authorities at Hoihow to "verify its nationality" since last Friday, the s.s. Hellenic Trader, flying the Panama flag, was granted clearance last night, according to the local agents.

The ship, it was stated, was preparing to leave at dawn to-day.

As the vessel is in a damaged condition, it will probably not reach Hong Kong until early on Saturday.

RAIDERS ACTIVE IN CHANNEL

Small numbers of enemy aircraft have been active over the Channel and the south-east coast of England during daylight yesterday and bombs were dropped in a town on the south-east coast shortly after noon.

These, says an Air Ministry communique, demolished some shops and houses and caused a small number of casualties.

It was added that one enemy aircraft was destroyed by R.A.F. fighters without loss. — Reuter.

AUSSIE AIRMEN FOR S. RHODESIA

The first draft of Australian airmen selected for training in Southern Rhodesia have disembarked at a South African port.

This was announced in Canberra yesterday by the Commonwealth Air Minister. — Reuter.

NEW SCHEME FOR WAR DAMAGE COMPENSATION

UNDER THE NEW scheme for compensation for war damage to property, announced in London yesterday, the rate of contribution on buildings and immovable property will be 2/- per pound sterling of rateable value or value at which property is assessed for income tax purposes for five years.

U.S. ARMY CORRIDOR TO ALASKA

THE FEASIBILITY OF GRANTING THE UNITED STATES A CORRIDOR FOR A ROAD THROUGH BRITISH COLUMBIA TO ALASKA, IN RETURN FOR THE TRANSFER OF MORE UNITED STATES WARSHIPS TO BRITAIN, IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA-ALASKA HIGHWAY PROJECT.

Officials in Ottawa yesterday declined to comment extensively on the proposal made to the State Department in Washington yesterday that negotiations should be opened for such an exchange, but one official said a movement in support of suggestions for a deal

The difference between these two is slight.

According to a calculation made by one of London's leading insurance experts for Reuter's, the contribution represents the payment of 2½ per cent. of the net capital value of property.

Thus, on property with a net capital value of £1,000, the rateable value would be about £50.

Two shillings in the pound on the latter sum gives a total small payment of £5 and of £25 during five years.

This represents 2½ per cent. of the net capital value but it is emphasised that this contribution entitles the property owner to compensation for any damage suffered from the beginning of the war until the end of August, 1941 — a period of two years. — Reuter.

of this nature was "active" in British Columbia and parts of the United States. — Reuter.

U.S. LOAN IN SOUTH AMERICA

The United States is lending \$60,000,000 to Argentina and \$7,500,000 to Uruguay, announced Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, in Washington yesterday, says Reuter.

TREASURY FIGURE EXPLAINED

British Exchequer returns for the last week — to December 7 — reveal an apparent paradox.

The whole total ordinary expenditure rose to a record high level of £110 millions, expenditure of the supply services — largely for war necessities, was nearly £10 millions below the previous week, at £80,500,000 millions.

The high record reached by total expenditure was therefore due to the fact that at the beginning of December the usual disbursements of interest on Government stocks, amounting to a large sum, were made.

Total ordinary revenue of Britain improved by over £10 millions last week to nearly £24 millions, but the deficit for the week increased to £86 millions, — Reuter.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton and Macao on account of cholera have been removed.

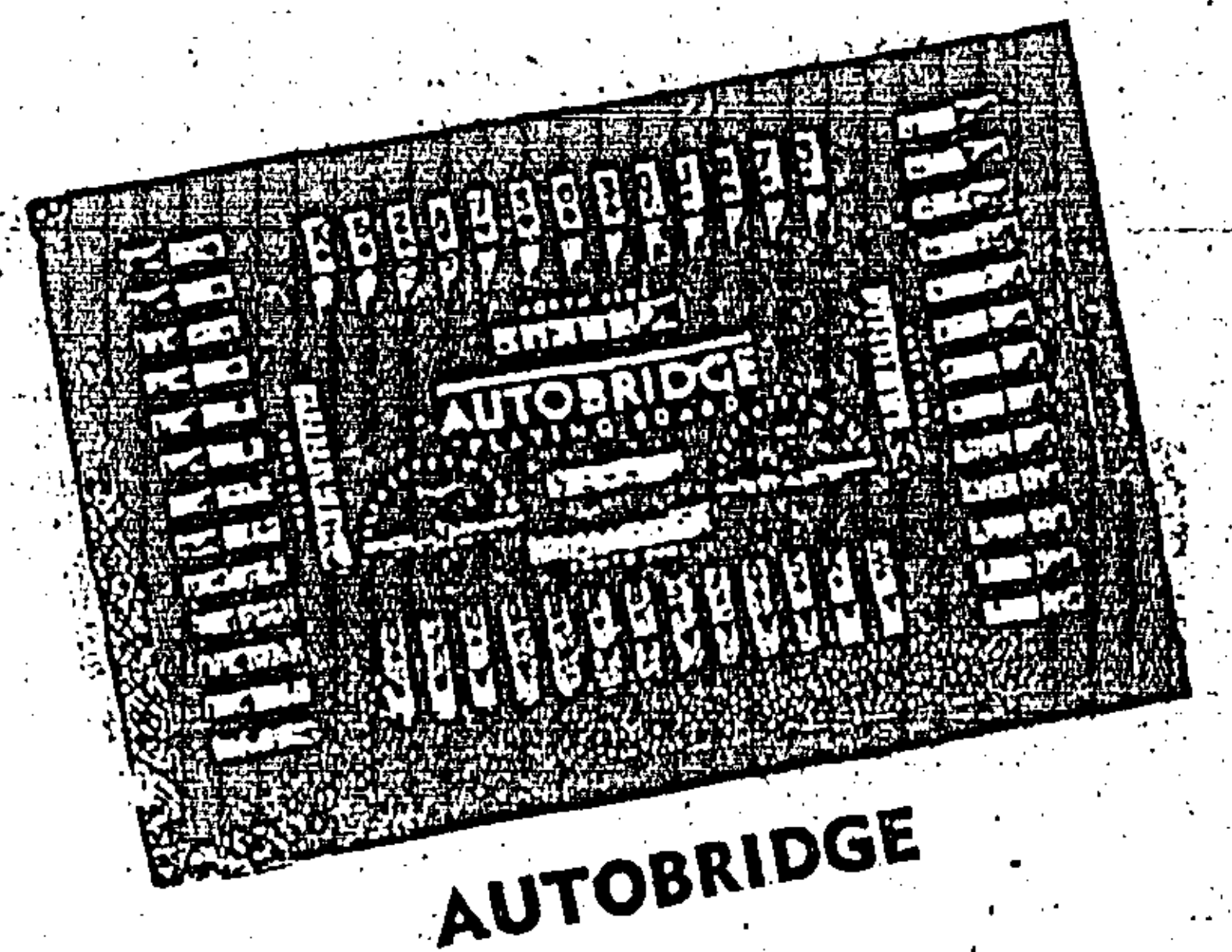
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The strike of Chinese members of Police Force in the French Concession, Shanghai, yesterday, lasted only two hours.

It is understood the French authorities have promised to consider further high cost of living allowances. — Our Own Correspondent.

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Mr. Stanley Ellis, whose home was in Brookesley Street, Bow, went "down West" to see a bit of life.

While in an hotel at Marble Arch a warning was sounded and guests were directed to the hotel's air raid shelter.

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RABBIT SKINS HELPING

The rabbit is helping Britain to pay for the war.

Sir Cecil Weir, of the Board of Trade, said that, before the war, the U.S.A. depended to a large extent upon French and Belgian rabbit skins. In June, Britain increased its exports of rabbit skins to the U.S.A. by thirty-eight times in one month. In July it increased its exports by twenty-seven times.

W., but they had no sooner finished the reception at the bridegroom's house than the sirens again sounded.

They spent their wedding night in the cellars underneath the house.

"And now," said Mr. Ellis "we're spending most of our honeymoon in air raid shelters. Still, we're not complaining. As a matter of fact, when peace comes I think I shall have an air raid shelter built in the garden as a reminder of how we came together."

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It took one minute for a barrister to tell a judge in the King's Bench Division that a case had been settled on the terms that there should be judgment for the plaintiff for £1,111 1s. 11d.

REYNOLD'S FINED FOR MISTAKE

First prosecution of a newspaper under the Defence Regulations resulted in London yesterday in the managing editor and publisher of "Reynold's News" being fined £30 each and instructed to pay £10 each for costs.

Allegation was that the newspaper published matter which might have been useful to the enemy.

An article concerning the defence of certain parts of the Empire was published fully in some editions of the newspaper, ignoring deletions made by the official censor.

The magistrate trying the case agreed that a mistake had been made and that there was no intentional anti-British action.—Reuter.

'NO' TO WAR WAGE PLAN

Because they refused to agree on a wages policy, the employers have thrown out a T.U.C. programme for making the Home Front's war effort run more smoothly.

The unions, with the help of Mr. J. M. Keynes and other economists, produced the programme in the hope that the employers would agree to it, so that it could be issued as a point statement.

The programme included these five suggestions:

1. It is undesirable that there should be substantial price rises during the war.
2. No attempt should be made to restrain legitimate wage increases due to rises in the cost of living.
3. The Government should be urged to continue price control, and extend the range of subsidies as far as practicable.
4. An appeal should be made to the people to save every penny they can and invest in Government stocks and shares—on the clear understanding that these savings would not be used later to penalise the people in wage applications or in applications for unemployment benefit or relief.

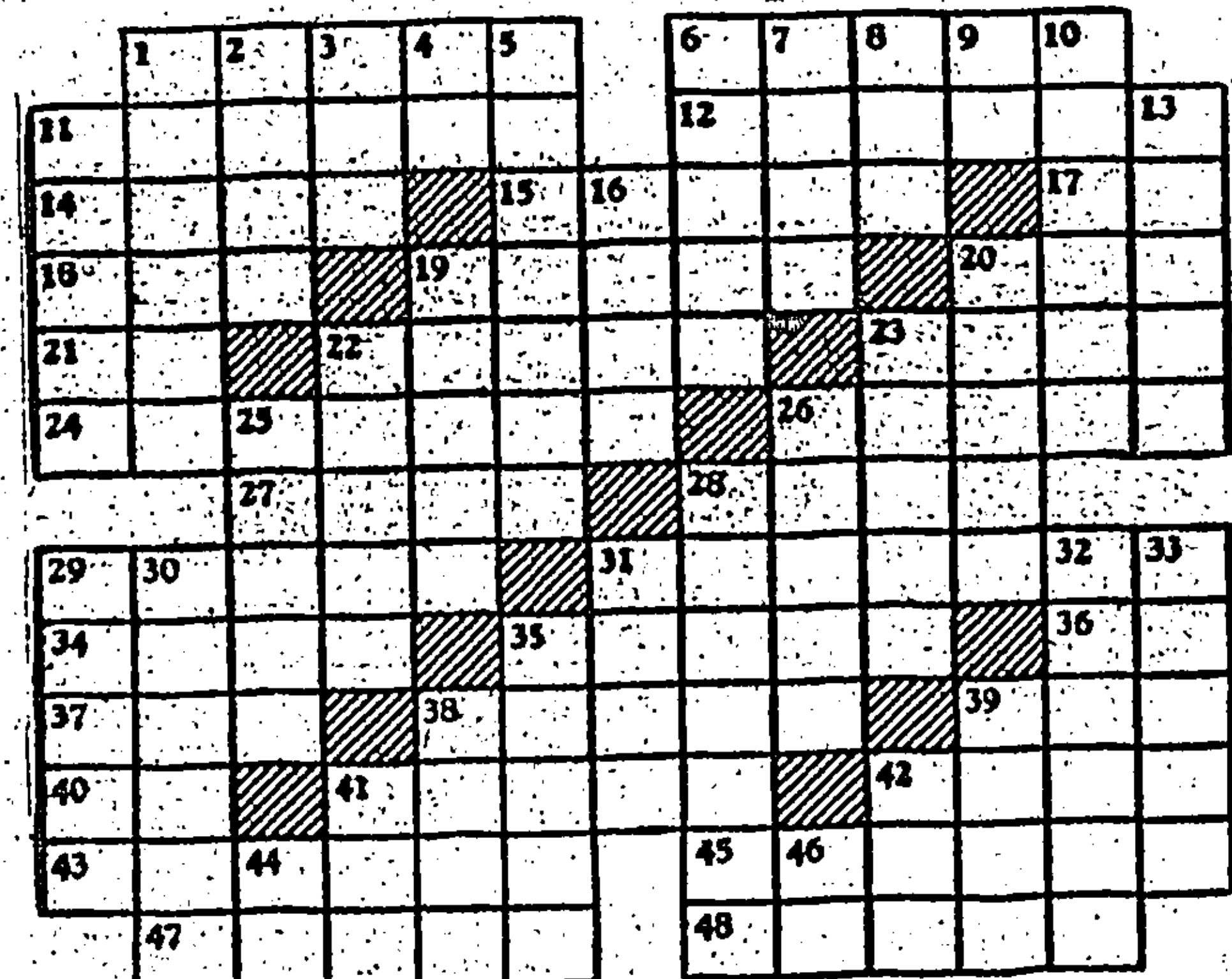
It should be stated in the clearest possible language that unreasonable war profits are gravely detrimental to the nation's interests.

The T.U.C. annual report, reveals that the developments of the war situation and the difficulties of agreeing to a point statement "upon so thorny and contentious a subject, including among other matters, the question of wages policy," proved insurmountable. No such joint statement was issued.

TOUR BY DUKE OF GLOUCESTER

The Duke of Gloucester spent yesterday with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the south of England. Units inspected included a Maori battalion.—British Wireless.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Barrier of bushes
- 6 City in Nebraska
- 11 More alert
- 12 Full of liquid
- 14 Fire
- 15 Personage
- 17 To exist
- 18 Bitter vetch
- 19 Burrows
- 20 Large snake
- 21 To act
- 22 Under gate
- 23 Low, murmuring sound
- 24 To make more endurable
- 26 Happiness
- 27 Greek god
- 28 Aquatic mammal
- 29 Maidens
- 31 Sang
- 34 To look askance
- 35 Il-bred
- 36 Japanese measure
- 37 Some
- 38 Movable barriers

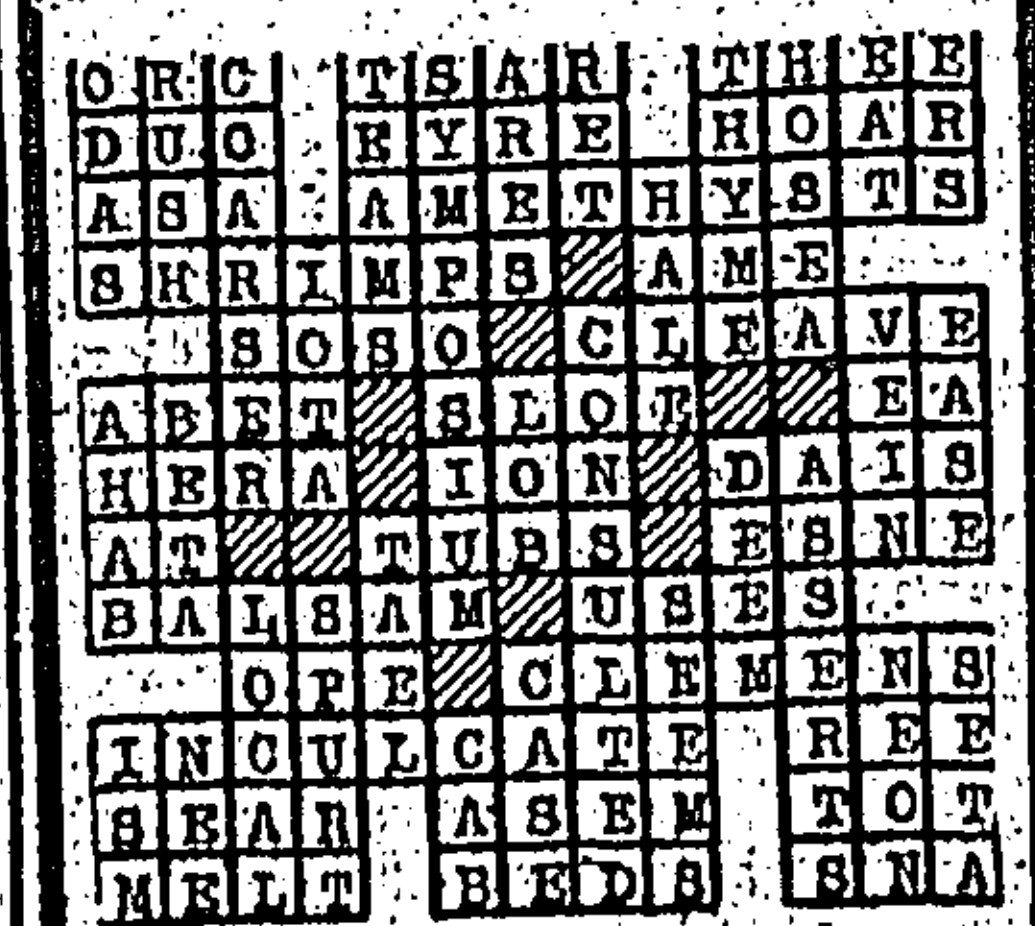
VERTICAL

- 1 To till
- 2 Goddess of discord
- 3 Clamour
- 4 Earth goddess
- 5 Weasel-like animals

6 Proprietor

- 7 Bulkiness
- 8 Goddess of mischief
- 9 Pronoun
- 10 Bowers
- 11 Troublesome plants
- 12 Period of time (pl.)
- 13 Sooth
- 14 Small particles
- 15 Constructed
- 16 European blackbird
- 17 Intends
- 18 Soon to occur
- 19 Grizzlies
- 20 Briefly
- 21 Ambitions
- 22 To kindle
- 23 Cries of dove
- 24 Eaten away
- 25 Sup
- 26 Penetrates
- 27 Pigeon
- 28 To drink excessively
- 29 Archaisms to suppose
- 30 Bright saying
- 31 Sun god
- 32 Note of scale

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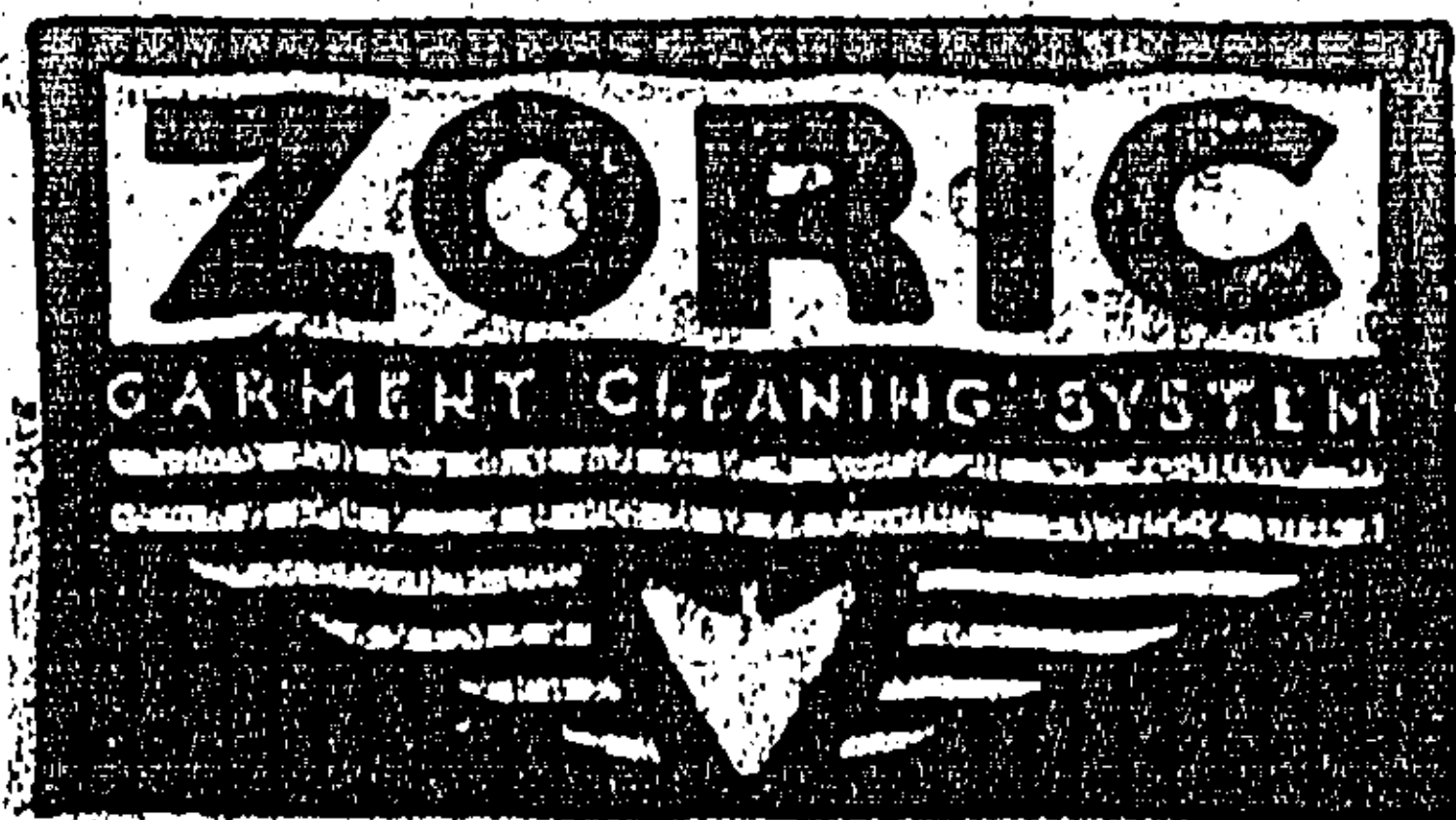
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R.A.F. RAIDS WRECK GERMAN WORKS

PEOPLE LIVING ON the Swiss-German frontier are so impressed by the persistency and accuracy of raiding British bombers that they are willing to bet their shirts on a final British victory.

Workers in parts of Germany have protested that they are unable to continue work owing to lack of sleep caused by British air raids. Production has dropped and the big industrial works outside Hanover have been destroyed.

In the Rhineland so incessant have been the R.A.F. raids that munition plants are being transferred to Czechoslovakia. These are some of the outstanding impressions gathered after a tour of the German frontier from Rorschach, on Lake Constance, to Basle.

Witnesses Daren't Talk

Stringent precautions are taken by the German authorities against the leakage of information about damage caused by British raids, and the penalties are so harsh that eye-witnesses hardly care to discuss these happenings even with their most intimate friends.

When damage such as that caused by the British raid on the big aluminium works at Rheinfelden can no longer be denied, frontier passes are temporarily withdrawn from German workers near the border and rumours are spread that most of the R.A.F. bombs were duds.

Thus, stories were spread that thirty-one dud R.A.F. bombs were found at Rheinfelden, in spite of the fact that, stretching in a wide semi-circle, smashed buildings and chimney stacks are plainly visible across the Rhine. An eye-witness of this raid said that the British flight was a complete surprise to the Germans.

100 Workers Killed

No anti-aircraft guns were in action and the British bombers were able to take precise aim. Every bomb fell on the target area, he said.

One hundred workers were killed and many injured, but due to the incredibly thorough system of repair work the factory is now partially operating again.

Damage was also caused by the R.A.F. to the hangars at Friedrichshafen, although accurate information regarding this raid was difficult to obtain.

At Bielefeld, near Dortmund, workers in a cloth factory protested that they were unable to continue work owing to lack of sleep caused by British air raids. Production in this factory has slumped tremendously.

Invasion Preparations

All military objectives in Hamburg have been destroyed, while in Essen, too, many military objectives have been demolished. The huge industrial plant outside Hanover has also been demolished.

All river vessels and barges throughout German territory have been requisitioned, converted into flat-bottomed craft and sent westward.

**ROBBERY AT FA
YUEN STREET**

Charged with intimidation, Wong, Lang, 25, Wan Wai-san, 31, shop, 104, and Hui Cheung, 31, were remanded for 24 hours by Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon this morning.

They are alleged to have tried to intimidate Cheung Sau, Li Yiu and Yu Chun into joining the Cheung Lok and the Fei Fu Society on Tuesday in Kowloon.

**INTIMIDATION
CHARGE**

A remand for 48 hours for further enquiries was granted by Mr. E. Hunsworth at Kowloon this morning when Tang Pak, 22, was charged with breaking into No. 94, Fa Yuen Street yesterday and stealing \$100.75 (Hong Kong currency), \$179 (Chinese currency), clothing and jewellery.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin is in charge of the case.

TANGIER ISSUE REVIVED

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO THE ITALIAN SUBMARINES AT TANGIER. MR. BUTLER, UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY IN REPLY TO A QUESTION.

There has been a delay in the repairs to Italian submarines which took refuge in the International Zone some weeks ago, he said, and they are not yet seaworthy.

The Spanish Government has granted them a further period in which to complete repairs.

**Spain Left Under No
Misapprehension**

In the meantime, said Mr. Butler, the British Ambassador had put the whole British case regarding Tangier in a very strong and definite light to the Spanish Government.

Dealing with a suggestion that the Spanish authorities were erecting permanent fortifications at Tangier, Mr. Butler said his information did not indicate such a development.

The British Government was watching the situation closely and the Spanish Government was left in no doubt as to the importance of the British Government attached to the question.—Reuter.

ACCIDENT SEQUEL

Summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning for driving a private car, No. 2179, in Castle Peak Road on November 13 without a valid driving licence, Mr. S. Mullins, residing at the Chardhaven Hotel, was fined \$10.

Traffic Sergeant Brown said the summons was issued following an accident, but the police had no evidence to prove negligence.

Captain H. L. Reeves, of the Royal Engineers, was cautioned for failing to drive on the left side in Salisbury Road on the same day.

**SIR JOHN LATHAM
IN SHANGHAI**

Sir John Latham, new Australian Minister to Japan, and party including Mr. S. P. C. Turnbull, Australian "Associated Press" representative, who is opening a bureau in Tokyo, arrived in Shanghai to-day from Hong Kong. They are leaving for Tokyo on Saturday.—Reuter.

**DRILLING MACHINE
STOLEN**

General F. A. "One-Arm" Sutton, of Shell House, has reported the theft of a "Chuck" drilling machine, valued at \$30, from his office.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of Tientsin against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

SHRAPNEL-PROOF "HATS" FITTED TO CARS

Private motor-cars fitted with tin hats have appeared on Merseyside.

The cars have their roofs covered by a steel helmet with a small space between the cover and the sheeting.

The object is to provide protection for the driver and passengers against shrapnel falling during air raids.

A.F.S. ISSUES CALL

Sir, May I, through the medium of your valuable paper, call for volunteers to serve as telephonists in the Auxiliary Fire Service. A further twenty-four operators are required. Men or women are equally suitable. Applicants must have a knowledge of the Chinese and English languages. Previous experience as a telephone operator is desirable, but not essential, as recruits will be given a course of instruction.

In the case of emergency, the A.F.S. telephonists will be called upon for duty at the various Fire Brigade centres throughout Hong Kong and Kowloon. It is unnecessary to stress the importance of receiving messages and distributing information relative to fires.

Until an emergency occurs the duties are light and consist of the attendance at the Fire Brigade exchanges for the purpose of learning the Brigade methods and gaining experience in taking and recording messages quickly and accurately.

Applications should be sent to me at Central Fire Brigade, Hong Kong.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. BLAKE,
Superintendent, A. F. S.

TECHNICAL OFFENCE

Two Chinese photographers, of a well known studio in the Colony, were charged before Mr. T. J. Gould this morning, with a breach of the Defence Regulations, by having in their possession a camera each, at Blake Pier early to-day.

According to accused, Cheng Ngok-shing, 22, and Tang Shum, 27, they were at the Pier to take a picture of the committees of the Nam Wah University who arrived from the Straits Settlements this morning.

Sub-Inspector T. K. Whelan said the Police believed the story and accepted that it was only a technical offence.

Defendants were fined \$15 each.

EMBEZZLEMENT SENTENCE

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning on Chan Hock-sing, 33, canvasser for embezzlement.

Accused, who pleaded guilty, embezzled \$820.21 collected from various customers on behalf of his employer, the Wing Tai Cheung Firm, Canton Road, between July 10 and December 4 last.



HITLER SPEAKS

Hitler's pep-talk to munitions workers was his most interesting speech for many a moon. It carried the same strange air of self-centred sincerity, striking the attitude of a much-maligned, misunderstood individual; it revealed the same failure to comprehend any viewpoint but his own; yet there was a marked change in the general tone.

The cocksureness of July has been knocked out of him; he found himself apologising for abandoning plans for the invasion of England, committed himself to significant phrases from which the startling implication might be drawn that he has fallen back upon the defensive and is now challenging the rest of the world to try and take back from his clutches his ill-gotten gains of the last few months.

That, indeed, was the keynote of a speech which, as usual, was a masterpiece of casuistry.

At this stage in a fight to a finish, when he dare not trust himself to make reference to events in Albania or the doings (or undoings) of his ally, Italy, he does not pretend any further that the subjugation of the small nations of Europe is a temporary expedient forced upon Germany by the exigencies of a war for existence against Great Britain.

He makes no promise to restore the freedom of the conquered peoples. On the contrary, he regards them as goods and chattels for the purposes of Pan-German sway, to be put to forced labour for the greater good of the "superior" German people.

Not in a single phrase did he hold out any prospect of escape or release. The "New Europe," as it would be if dictated from Berlin, would be a regulated system in which all other nations would be allotted their definite but subordinate parts, contributing to the industrial aggrandisement and agricultural supply of the supreme Reich.

In this sense, the speech might be interpreted, as by some obser-

AS German aeroplanes were falling in August and September at the rate of one a minute on Britain's coasts and in the sea, it is not surprising that a large number of Nazi airmen are in British hands.

So large a number took to their parachutes when their planes were wrecked by British fighters or anti-aircraft guns, that a London newspaper used the heading "Town's shower of Nazi airmen," to describe a little army of ex-fighters who floated down into custody.

The comments made by these airmen on landing afford interesting indications of the state of mind of the German air force, and have also provided the British Defence with a number of unsolicited testimonials.

More impressive than any words, however, was the action of a German pilot whose machine, riddled with bullets, made a forced landing on the South coast. The pilot stepped unhurt from the wreckage carrying with him his toilet case containing his hair brush and hair oil. In his arms he carried his fur coat. It would seem that he had left Germany certain that he would be shot down and had started off on his flight with the intention of making himself as comfortable as possible in an English internment camp.

Typical of the comments made by captured German airmen was the remark of a German pilot whose machine broke up over the South-East coast: "We lost at least 50 planes," he said, "if that goes on the war will be over in three weeks."

An airman who was picked up out of the sea off Britain's South-West coast, said to his rescuers: "This war is bad for everybody." He was told that "Britain was doing nicely, thank you."

In almost every case the captured German airmen have shown little or no regret at finding themselves British captives. In only one case has a pilot shown any truculence, and he refused to accept the offer of an overcoat that was handed to him in view of the fact that he had been immersed in the sea.

Here are two tributes. Both airmen were brought down on the same day within a few minutes of each other, but at different towns along the South-East coast. One Nazi was found to be wounded when he landed by parachute in a field. A farm groom covered him with a shot gun. The airman threw up his hands with a sigh of relief and said in broken English: "No more fighting; English too good!"

The second, a 30-year-old pilot from a crippled Messerschmidt which made a forced landing in a field of cabbages, was wearing several decorations. He stepped from his machine with his hands over his head and gave himself up to a farm hand. As he was marched off he remarked: "These Spitfires are very good. They were too fast for me. So I'm out of it now."

Another pilot whose plane was forced down near a South-West coast town made an almost identical remark. As he walked towards a farm worker his first request was: "A cigarette and a cup of tea, please."

This was given him, and as his wounds were dressed he continued in good English: "Those Spitfires are very good. This is my heaven. I am out of it!"

An 18-year-old pilot of another plane was quite frank as he was marched off to the nearest military post. "I am very glad indeed to be down," he said.

Among three Nazi airmen who landed on a hill and were rounded up by gamekeepers on the same day was a 15-year-old youth. He knew no English but kept murmuring thanks to his captors in German.

During a raid over Portland dozens of Nazi airmen fluttered to earth at different points along the

coast, inland and over the sea. A Junkers 88 was shot down and one of the four airmen who baled out was seen to come down in the sea. He had to swim a mile to the shore. Civilians helped the exhausted man over the rocks. Then before he was taken away he said in English: "I am an Italian. What are you going to do with me?"

One pilot was found asleep, wrapped in his parachute, and another who landed in a country lane inland walked until he came to a Home Guard and then gave himself up. A third one landed on the roof of a cottage occupied by a Guard, and his wife. In another part of the south-west coast a Nazi airman landed in a lane. As he was being marched off under military escort, he wiped the blood from a wound in his neck and said two words in English: "Thank goodness!"

Few German pilots believe the silly stories told in Germany that prisoners are shot in Britain. One, however, was a bit apprehensive when two women took him into custody.

His Messerschmidt had been shot down by an R.A.F. fighter. The young pilot lay on the ground. He wore the Iron Cross. The first people to reach him were two women, Mrs. Betty Tylee and Miss Jean Smithson. The young pilot looked at the two women. He spoke good English.

"Are you going to shoot me?" he asked.

"No," said Mrs. Tylee. "We don't do that in England. Would you like a cup of tea?"

"Please," said the pilot eagerly. So a cup of tea was made for him, and the ambulance called for him and he was taken to hospital.

Another pilot, a blonde young German, who came down in the north of England showed his appreciation in a natural and gallant way. He spoke no English. A mistress and her maid, a girl in her teens, were taking shelter during an air raid. There was a terrific crash not far away. The young maid suddenly remembered she had forgotten to turn off the electric iron. She dashed back to the house, but on the way she met a young German pilot, very dazed and green with fear. She was so sorry for him that she took him into the house and poured him out a glass of whisky. He was too frightened to drink it, but she forced the stimulant down his throat. Before he was arrested he kissed the tips of her fingers!

Ten children of Mrs. Parsons, wife of Bert Parsons, a farmer in south-west England, crept downstairs early one morning to find their mother and father tending a young German pilot. His plane had come down in a field nearby and Mr. Parsons had taken the pilot home because his hand was badly injured. Mr. Parsons washed and bandaged the hand and made him a cup of tea.

"Good, so good," said the pilot gratefully. He had been told that if he landed in England his throat would be cut but said he did not believe it.

Mrs. Evelyn Cardwell, who captured an armed German airman single-handed when he landed near her farm house in the north of England, was awarded the Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) for her bravery. She is 5ft. 8ins., and 45 years old. He was 5ft. 4ins., young and armed. She frowned at him fiercely, told him to put his hands up and took his revolver away.

On the South East coast a 14-year-old girl, Elizabeth Brown, helped to arrest two Nazi airmen. When they landed she ran towards their machines with an armed milkman. The Germans surrendered immediately.

When one German crashed in a field near Eastbourne, the farmer ordered him to take off his shoes so that he could not run away over the stubble.

One pilot officer of a Heinkel 111 bomber crashed in south-west England exclaimed when he was captured: "Shall I get the port engine; shall I get the middle engine, Million-marks gone!"

Unshaken Resolution

By Robert Mackay

"Each at his post" is perhaps the best way in which to define the prevailing note in the life of the British people to-day.

The 1914-18 war was called "the great war." The present struggle might be defined as a "war of surprises." That aspect, however, is not so much a question of military strategy and tactics, or even one of technical and other innovations of a military character. However unexpected these may be, they can hardly be qualified as surprises. Moreover, appropriate defence measures are always invented to meet any new arm, while counter-methods are invariably followed by still never methods of attack. It is rather in the political and social domain that the qualification of "war of surprises" might appropriately be given to this war.

What has really happened is that the atmosphere of international relations has become an unaccountable one; or the element of surprise may be expressed by saying that so divergent have been the cross-currents of opinion that it has been, and indeed still is, impossible to assess the real value of any of them. Thus, the course of future events has become a mere matter of conjecture. The delicate machinery of normal relations between nations has long since been upset by the actions of the Leaders of the Reich, who made confusion worse confounded when they invaded Poland.

vers, as clearest exposition of his aims and intentions if Germany wins the war—a frank declaration that peoples other than German are to be enslaved and deprived of the dignities of man as in the most barbarous ages of Asiatic despotism.

It may, on the other hand, be another example of his "bargaining realism," a promise to German workers to get more out of them at a critical time—a promise as valuable as his guarantees to Holland and Belgium seven months ago.

The result of that act of aggression was to render the international situation still more fluid. Even so, and in spite of the scant consideration shown by the Reich to the rights and interests of neutral nations, it still seemed—until only a few months ago—as if at least the inviolability of neutral territory would be respected. But then came the German invasion of Denmark and Norway, followed shortly afterwards by that of Holland and Belgium and the collapse of France as the consequence.

In all these cases, however, what happened did not flow as the result of a purely military attack. What had happened was a kind of composite assault, carefully prepared in time of peace. This process could not be better summed up than in the words of the Minister of Agriculture of the United States.

This is how Mr. Wallace described the process recently: "The Hitler group has made up its mind to dominate the world, by lawful or unlawful means, by means of a combination of economic warfare, propaganda, controlled news and the Gestapo, with the terrorism of an unsheathed sword to cut short all discussion." It was this combination of every means, more especially subterranean action, that took most countries by surprise. Nobody wanted to believe that abuse of hospitality could be an integral part of the official policy of a civilised nation!

That was why the "lightning" war took on an unexpected shape. It was a conjugated effort, of long date, which the Reich has put into practice in time of peace to foment internal disintegration in neighbouring countries, in order to be able to invade their territories with all the greater ease once it found the moment opportune. With all the ground thus prepared in advance, the terrorism of mechanised units and aviation only had to complete the work of destruction which had already been begun in peace-time.

Although England did everything in her power to prevent this work of disintegration going on, she was greatly embarrassed

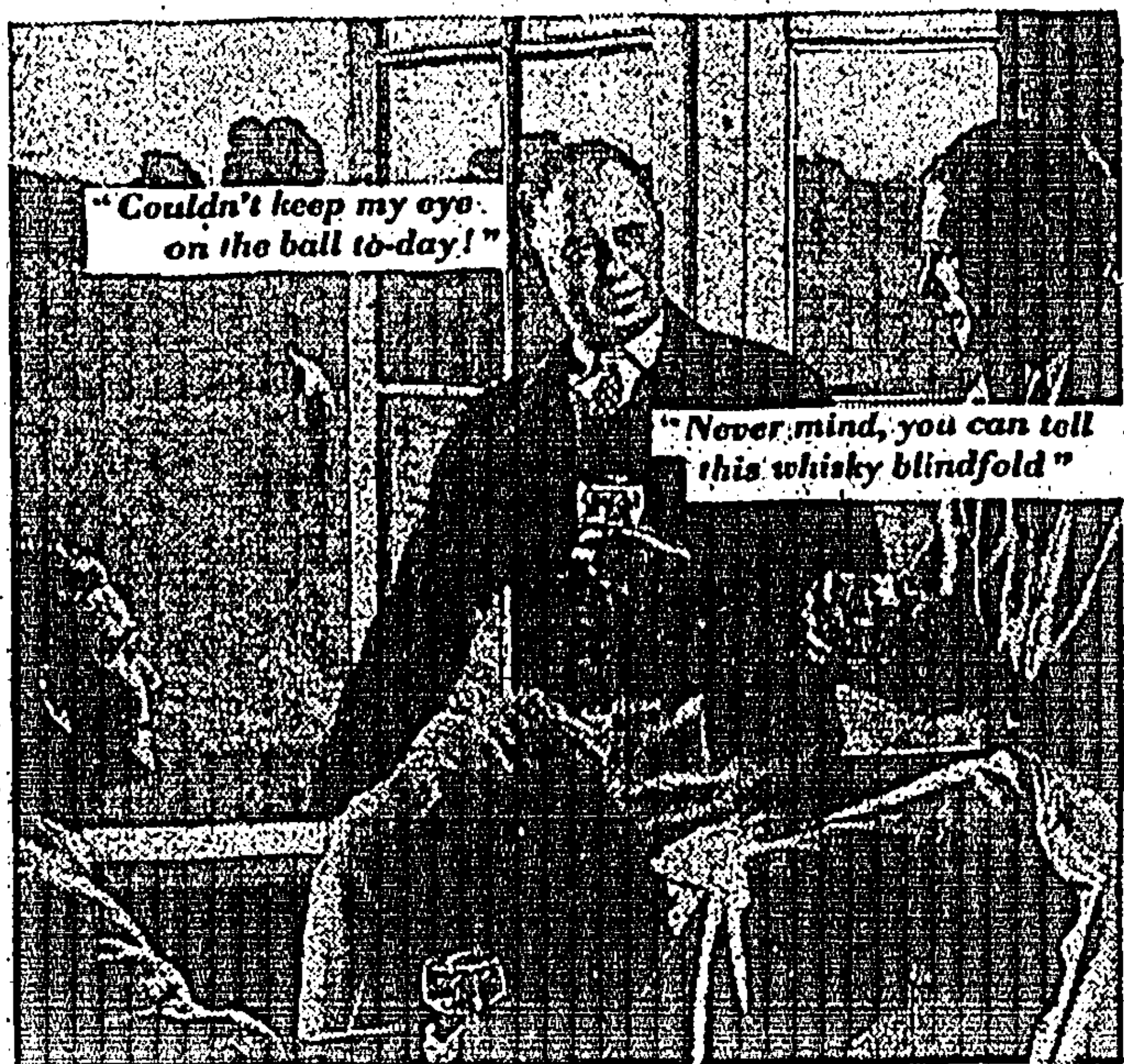
in her efforts by certain conditions which actually existed in other countries, where political leaders trusted to a policy of strict neutrality as constituting an adequate safeguard for the defence of their territory—this, in face of a nation which had long since declared that it respected no juridical concept which should stand in the way of its own policy of expansion and domination. It was the lack of any cohesive plan of resistance that made it easy for Germany to subjugate a large part of Europe, and it was thus that Great Britain found herself alone in the struggle against a Germany and Italy both powerfully prepared for the attempt to dominate the world by force of arms.

The British people, however, is inspired by the same sentiment that the Chief of the Division of Cultural Relations of the American State Department declared to be that of all American peoples.

"The American nations," said Mr. Harrington a short while ago, "are determined not to be dominated." It is evident that the normal economy of a peace-loving nation, more especially one which is profoundly democratic, cannot be transformed to meet the requirements of war in a few days. Nevertheless it is almost miraculous how much has been accomplished by Great Britain in twelve months, and that by the free will of a free people—the essential basis of the democratic conception.

The British people has freely accepted the rude trials of war, fully conscious of the immense sacrifices that will still be required of it until final victory is won. But already the whole economic activity of the country has been adapted to a war economy. The task has been colossal; but the British people has gone soberly forward with it, and it is a nation in arms that is to-day facing with quiet calm the greatest crisis in the history of humanity.

After many vicissitudes, the whole country regards the future with confident serenity. The greatest mistake committed by the leaders of the Reich was to think that a nation which loved peace would not know how to fight with resolution if war came. War did come—the war which Britain had done everything humanly possible to prevent from coming, war against all the principles of justice, of right and of liberty.



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MUNICH PACT HELD NULL AND VOID

DR. BENES, PRESIDENT of the Czechoslovak Provisional Government, revealed to the newly formed Czechoslovak State Council yesterday that at his request the British Government, in the official Note dated November 11, expressly assured him they did not recognise the Munich Agreement.

Dr. Benes added: "It goes without saying that we shall draw all the conclusions to which we are legally entitled by our agreement with the British Government when the appropriate moment comes.

SAVE SICK IN RAID

Doctors and nurses at a hospital in a south-east town moved patients from some of the wards when incendiary bombs fell on two blocks of the building.

A fire was quickly put out by staff and firemen.

Patients in other parts of the hospital had been moved, as it was feared that there was an unexploded bomb nearby. Families in houses near the spot have been evacuated.

Two bombs were dropped by a raider in a south-west district of London.

The roar of a plane flying fairly low was heard in Central London. A.A. guns opened fire and the raider quickly made off.

Two banks, a post office and a block of luxury flats were damaged when a high explosive bomb dropped in a North-West London district.

Earlier in the evening a raider flew over a North-East London suburb. A.A. guns opened fire. Some bombs were dropped.

What appeared to be a "Molotov breadbasket" was dropped on a Northern suburb.

The incendiaries from "the breadbasket" fell on and around the new wing of a school which has been used as an ambulance station. All the ambulances were removed to safety and no one was injured.

More than 200 incendiary bombs fell in an open space, and lit it up like a gigantic fireworks display.

A.R.P. wardens put out the flames.

The fire bombs were followed up by several high explosives. A fierce A.A. barrage was put up by the guns, from which the raiders turned.

It was announced that in fights during the day eleven German planes were shot down. The R.A.F. also lost eleven planes, but seven of our pilots are safe.

Giant 'Plane Fled

A new giant four-engined bomber surrounded by a cloud of Messerschmidt fighters, crossed the Kent coast in a vain bid to reach London.

The monster raider was followed by three formations each of nine bombers. All flew at a great height.

A police officer said: "I looked through binoculars, and when the bomber was caught in the sunlight I was astonished at the huge size of its wing span. 'The Messerschmidt escort looked like dots beside it.'"

The enemy were scattered by Spitfires and Hurricanes. Last seen, the bomber was speeding Channelwards with Spitfires in pursuit.

Eastbourne Bombed

An armed trawler shot down a German plane which tried to attack it in the afternoon.

A lone raider dropped twenty-

"I lay the fullest emphasis on the fact that we are not going to abandon any of our citizens, either Czechoslovaks or Ruthenians."

He said the struggle for liberation was being carried on unanimously in Bohemia and 90% of all Slovaks were in favour of a united republic.

As to Carpathian Ruthenia, easternmost province of Czechoslovakia annexed by Hungary in May, 1939, Ruthenians stood united behind Czechoslovakia.

He did not say that the State was to be reconstituted exactly as it had been, but definite frontiers could only be established by new voluntary negotiations.

When the time came for revolution in Central Europe there would be fighting on all borders and in all States. The Czechoslovak people would have a large share in it.—British Wireless.

THEY KEEP ROADS OPEN

Gangs of men stand by night and day ready to carry out London's biggest repair job — to see that the City's high roads are kept as clear as possible so that transport may carry on.

When a bomb falls in any of London's roads wardens are quickly on the spot to see what damage has been done.

Soon they are contacting water, gas, electricity, hydraulic power and telephone authorities.

Out come the repair parties, men who brave bombs and flying shrapnel to do their job.

The Cost To Hitler

Hot on their heels come in local borough council's road repair gangs. They stand by until the other repairs are done and the demolition squads have made certain the road will be safe to use if repaired.

Sometimes at night only preliminary repairs can be carried out.

As soon as dawn breaks the men begin work in earnest. In a short time the repairs to mains and other works below the surface are effected. Then the local council repair parties fill in the craters, lay concrete and wood blocks.

The affected areas are roped off until the work is completed and the engineer gives the "All clear". The ropes are then taken away and traffic which had been temporarily diverted begins to run again.

"The bomb cost Hitler a lot of money and perhaps a plane and crew," a borough engineer said, "and when that traffic starts to roll you can't help thinking he's wasting his time."

eight bombs on Eastbourne.

Casualties are believed to be about twenty, with none fatal.

The bombs fell in a working-class district. There was widespread damage to small houses in about eight roads.

SOVIET SUPPLIES TO CHINA

Traffic over the north-western highway between China and Soviet Russia has greatly increased during recent weeks, almost doubling the amount of traffic two months ago, according to the Chungking "Ta Kung Pao" quoting China communications quarters. —Reuter.

SCHEME TO AID COAL INDUSTRY

The Government yesterday announced a scheme designed to help the British coal industry to meet the situation developing owing to the decline of exports and transport difficulties.

The present scheme provides for a levy not exceeding 6d. a ton on all coal sold by each district and payment of compensation from a fund so created to colliery undertakings which have suffered loss of trade to a greater extent than the average loss sustained by the industry as a whole.

It is proposed that subject to the overriding limit of 6d., provision shall be included in the approved price of coal for the actual rate of levy that proves necessary from time to time during the war to pay compensation at the rate eventually fixed. — British Wireless.

PARCELS FOR WAR PRISONERS

ANSWERING A QUESTION IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY REGARDING THE DISPATCH OF PARCELS TO BRITISH WAR PRISONERS VIA LISBON, THE UNDER-SECRETARY FOR WAR SAID THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WAR ORGANISATION OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY WAS NOW IN LISBON AND HAD REPORTED THAT ON NOVEMBER 3 NONE OF THAT ORGANISATION'S PARCELS WERE IN LISBON BUT 30,000 WERE DUE TO ARRIVE IN DECEMBER.

Parcels were not unduly delayed in Lisbon, average time being five days. Main delays were occurring between the Portuguese-Spanish frontier and Germany.

Urgent measures were being taken to help the International Red Cross Committee at Geneva to overcome these delays. Parcels were now arriving in considerable numbers and it was hoped to obtain considerable acceleration in the near future. — British Wireless.

COXSAIN FINED

Summoned for entering the Tathong Channel Minefield on December 4, Fung Foa-sing, coxswain of steam launch "Tung Tak," was fined \$10 by Commander J. Jolly Acting Harbour Master, in the Marine Court this morning.

KONOYE CABINET MAY SHAKE OUT MODERATES

WITH THE RAPID APPROACH OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE A STORMY SESSION OF THE DIET, AN EARLY MAJOR RESHUFFLE OF THE KONOYE CABINET IS RUMOURED — AS AN EXPEDIENT TO ENLIST MORE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE INCREASINGLY BITTER STRIFE BETWEEN RIGHTIST EXTREMISTS AND THE MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN JAPANESE POLITICS.

Any changes would mainly affect Ministers who have fallen in bad favour with the pro-Nazi camp.

These are rumoured to include the Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuo-ka; the Navy Minister, Admiral Oikawa, and the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kobayashi.

Mr. Matsuo-ka, who has been rather mild in word and deed for one of his radical reputation, is reported to have lost the confidence of the pro-Nazi camp by virtue of his appointment of Admiral Nomura as Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Shiratori, ex-Ambassador to Germany, and at present official "adviser" to the Foreign Minister, is said to be bitterly opposed to Admiral Nomura's appointment.

Admiral Unpopular

Admiral Oikawa is said to be unpopular because of his policy of caution in regard to the prosecution of Japan's southward advancement ambitions.

Military extremists are reported to be highly dissatisfied with the Government's present policy of trying to obtain what it wants from the Netherlands East Indies by negotiation, as was done in French Indo-China. So strong have been the demands of the extremists that rumour has set December as the deadline for "positive" action in regard to the N.E.I.

U.S. Navy Announcement

The announcement, however, that a detachment of the United States Navy is scheduled to make a "goodwill" visit in that vicinity in the near future, may possibly tend to support Admiral Oikawa's policy.

As regards Mr. Kobayashi, he is believed to have added little to his personal prestige during his negotiations with the N.E.I. authorities.

The recent controversy and subsequent compromise on national economic policy is also seen by some as a loss of face for Mr. Kobayashi.

"Purge" Danger

Whether a purge of those whom the pro-Nazi elements oppose would be accepted by those who hold grave doubts about an ultimate German victory in Europe, remains doubtful.

The progress of the Italo-Greek conflict and the lack of progress on other fronts in Europe have done little to dispel those doubts.

The possibility of a complete change in Government cannot be excluded entirely, although resignation on the eve of the Diet session by Prince Kono-ye would meet with scant public approval, which remains an important factor in Japan despite all efforts to control it from above.

Japanese military and political circles are said to be working at present to prevent such a possibility. — Reuter.

ITALIANS DON'T LIKE IT

THE YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE ASKED ALL FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE FRONTIER WITH GREECE AND ALBANIA, SAYS A BELGRADE MESSAGE.

This has been done to "safeguard the neutrality of Yugoslavia in the present conflict between Italy and Greece." — Reuter.

SOVIET'S HINT TO BULGARIA

If Bulgaria grants a free passage to German troops going to Greece, the Soviet Union would occupy the Bulgarian Black Sea ports of Burgas and Varna.

This is what the Secretary-General of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Affairs, M. Soboleff, told King Boris during his recent visit to Sofia, according to well-informed sources in the Bulgarian capital, writes the Istanbul correspondent of the Free French Agency in a despatch from the Turkish capital yesterday.

King Boris confirmed to M. Soboleff that Hitler had asked Bulgaria to adhere to the Tripartite Pact but the King avoided a direct reply, making Bulgarian adhesion dependent on the Soviet Union.

German propaganda, says the correspondent, immediately distributed numerous pamphlets, the aim of which was to compromise the Soviet Union.

The Bulgarian police established that the pamphlets originated in the propaganda section of the German Legation. — Reuter.

FAR EAST FREE FRENCH MOVEMENT

Evidence of the growing strength of the Free French movement in the Far East was furnished yesterday by the appointment by General de Gaulle of a representative in Singapore.

He is M. Guy de Schompre, former consular official in Tientsin. — Reuter.

SPECIAL BREAD FOR JEWS

The Minister of Food has issued a licence which permits the manufacture and sale of the type of loaf known as "chollos." This bread is used for religious ritual and is made only for Jewish holidays and the Sabbath.

PROFESSOR LOSES INSTRUMENTS

Professor Wilkinson, of No. 6, University Path, has reported that between 3.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. yesterday, a number of medical instruments, valued at \$210, were stolen from his car, which was parked outside the Hong Kong University.

QUARANTINE REMOVED

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Shanghai on account of cholera have been removed.

PILOT FOR A WEEK

A German airman who baled out over the south-east coast had with him a document showing he had passed out as a pilot only six days before.

He had a letter from his sweetheart congratulating him and expressing the hope that he would never have to raid Britain. She felt sure that if he did she would never see him again.

An hour after baling out the airman died in hospital.

FRENCH PART IN THE WAR

IN THE COURSE OF RECENT AIR ATTACKS ON GREAT BRITAIN, FRENCH FIGHTER PILOTS AND FRENCH NAVAL ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERIES HAVE BROUGHT DOWN SEVERAL GERMAN PLANES, THE FREE FRENCH FORCES PRESS SERVICE STATED YESTERDAY.

During the past few weeks the Free French naval forces have taken an active part in patrols in the Channel, in the North Sea and in escorting naval convoys.

The patrol ship Poulmic, which struck a mine after carrying out a number of difficult patrols in the Channel, has been mentioned in despatches. — British Wireless.

WU TE-CHEN IN IPOH

SPEAKING AT THE ROTARY CLUB IN IPOH YESTERDAY, GEN. WU TE-CHEN, CHINA'S GOODWILL ENVOY AND MINISTER OF OVERSEAS AFFAIRS, PRAISED THE SINO-BRITISH COOPERATION IN MALAYA.

He said: "The harmony and cooperation between Chinese, Britons, Malaysians and others speak well for the future of Sino-British relations."

"The announcement of a £10,000,000 British loan to China is eloquent proof of Sino-British friendship."

Gen. Wu and party arrived by a special train from Kuala Lumpur. Thousands of Chinese crowded the Ipoh Station in welcome. After a brief stay, Gen. Wu is to proceed to Penang. — Central News.

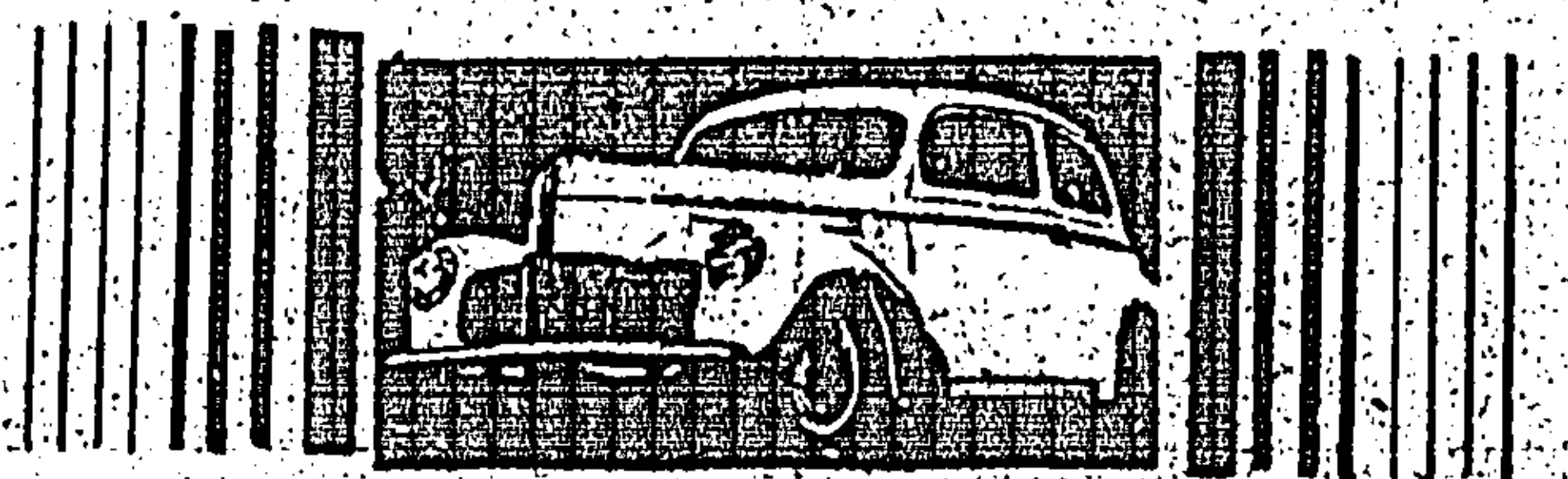
NAME-PLATE THIEVES AROUND

Two brass name plates were stolen from the National Commercial and Savings Bank, No. 65, Connaught Road Central, and one from the Bank of Taiwan, Prince's Building, yesterday.

Miss Joana Schaffer, of the Mental Hospital, was walking along Eastern Street at noon yesterday when her handbag, the contents of which were valued at \$80, was snatched.

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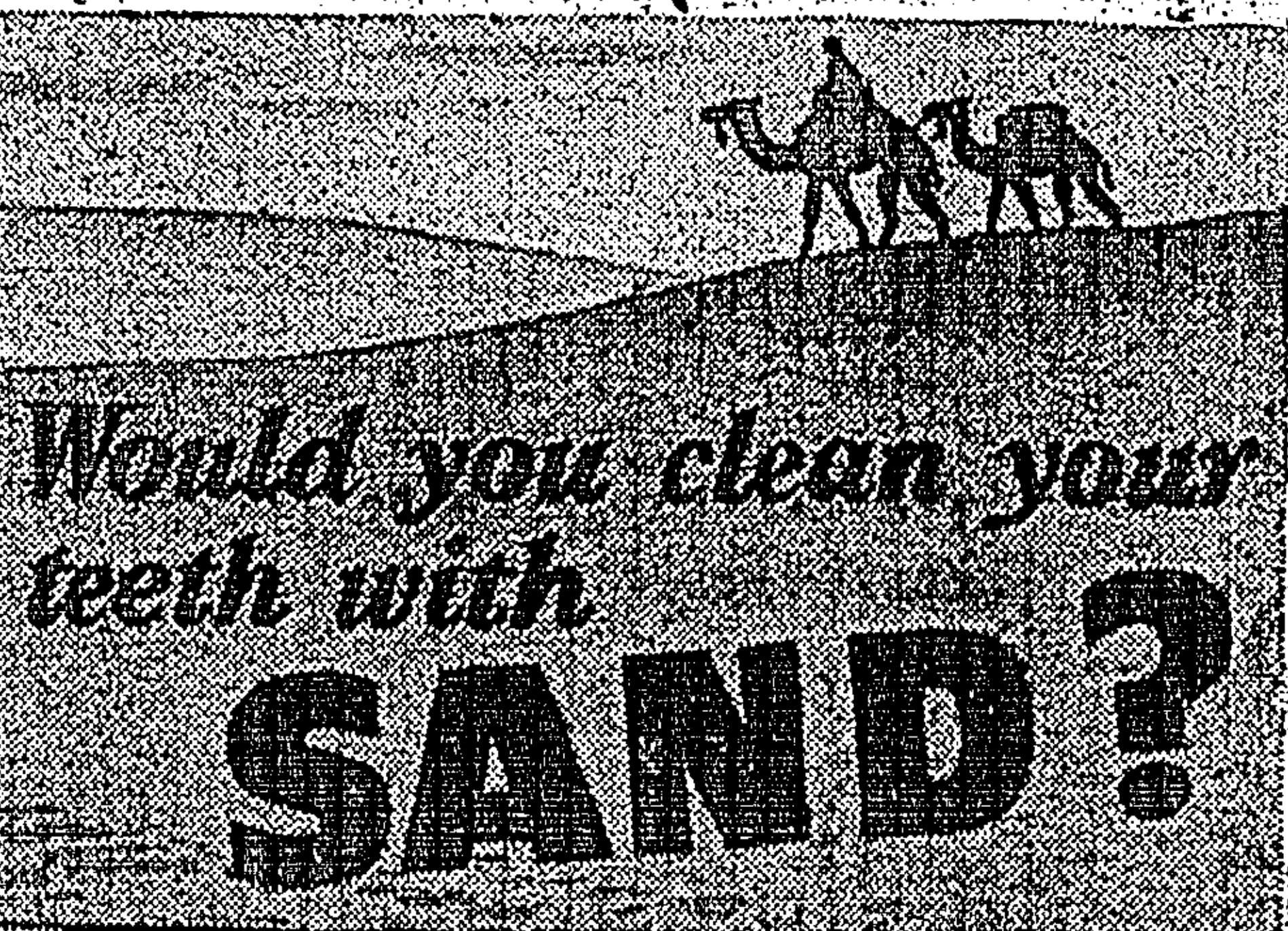
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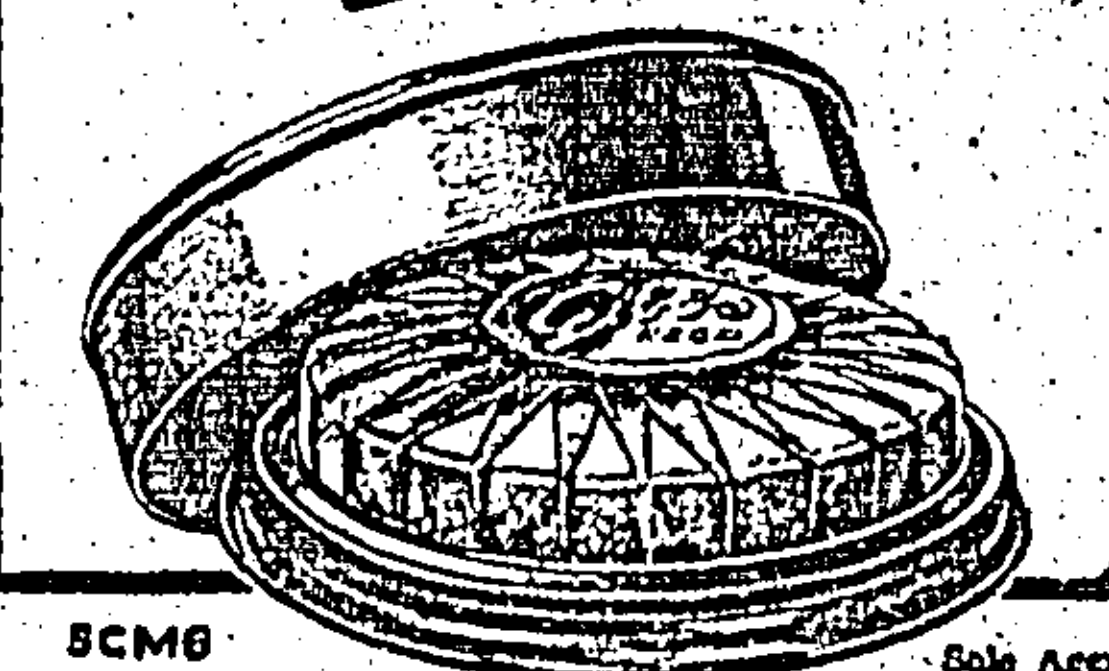
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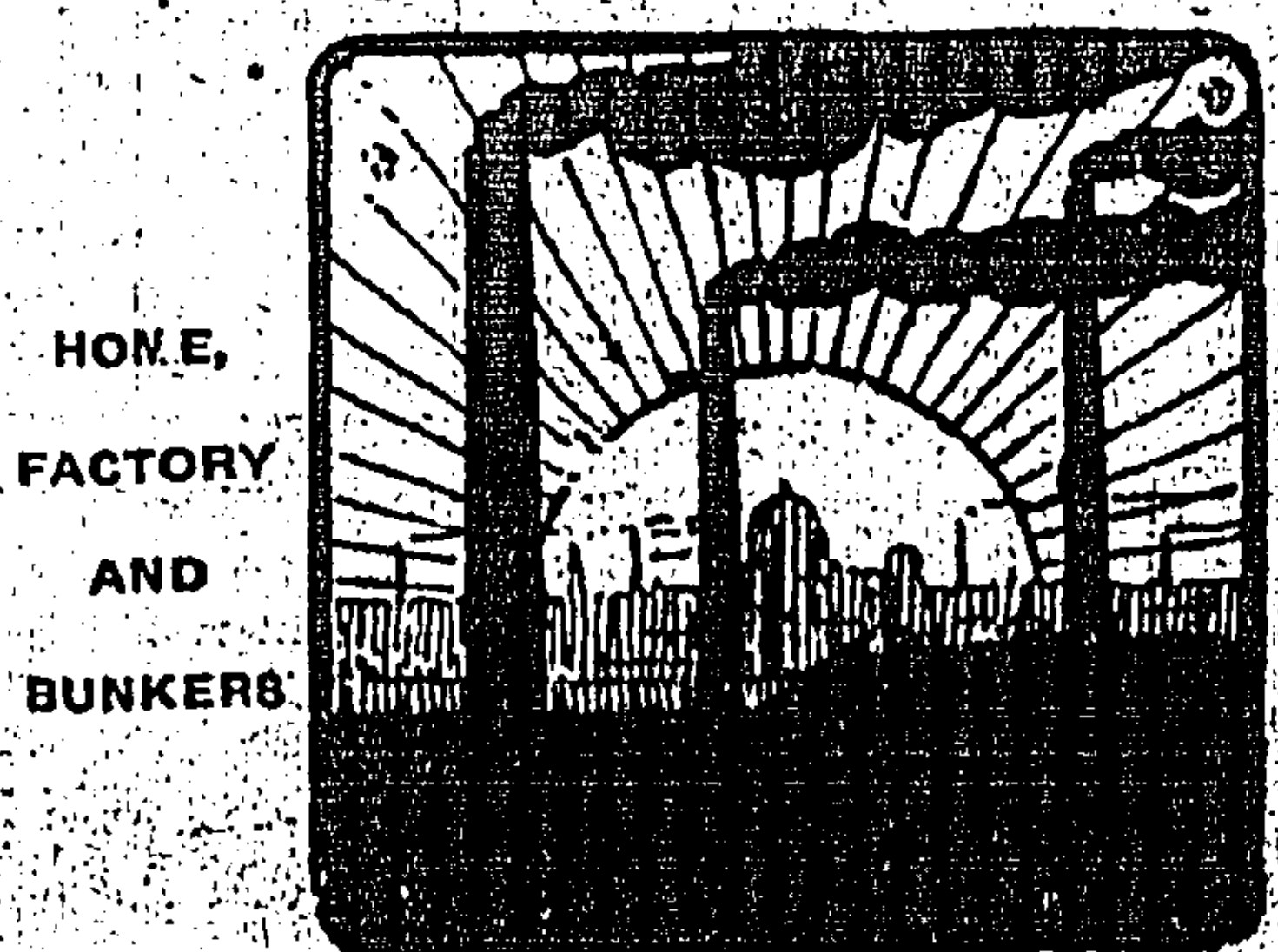
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also
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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

G R. PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 16th day of Dec., 1940, at 3 p.m.**, at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2833.	Junction of Tin Chau St. & Cheung Fat St., Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,000	\$2,448

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Rural Building Lot No. 140.	Opposite the Blind Home, Pokfulam Road & South West of Rural Building Lot No. 324.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$172

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The **THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING** will be held (weather permitting) at **HAPPY VALLEY** on **SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.**

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 9th Dec., 1940.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4238.	Junction of Kowloon City Road & Ching Lung Street, Kau Pui Shek.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 1,179	\$14

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BRIDGE NOTES

Bridge Swindles—No. 17 By The Four Aces

When an opponent seems to have a choice between two lines of play, you should do your best to snare him into choosing the line that won't work. For example—

North, Dealer
Both aces vulnerable

♠ A K	♥ 9 8 6	♦ A 10 8 7 3	♣ A Q 4
♠ Q 8 6	♥ K 5 3	♦ J 9 5 2	♣ 7 6 5
♠ J 10 4	♥ A J 10 8 7	♦ Q	♣ K J 10 9

The bidding:
North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
3NT Pass 4♣ Pass
4♥ Pass 6♥ Pass

West opened the six of spades, hoping to establish a trick in that suit to cash when he got his trump trick. When he saw the dummy, West realised that getting a spade trick wasn't going to be so easy. Dummy won the opening lead and returned the nine of hearts for a finesse. Right then West executed his swindle—by nonchalantly playing a low heart. That made South think the trump finesse had been successful, so he continued with the Queen of hearts.

But West took that trick and returned his last trump. And then South couldn't find a way to get rid of his losing spade. Of course South was very foolish to rely on the trump finesse when he could (and should) have ruffed out his spade after taking only one round of trumps. But West's little deceptive play made South so sure of the trump finesse that he hated to risk three rounds of spades before drawing trumps. In other words, South thought he had a choice of plays, so West simply coaxed him to adopt the line which wouldn't work.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither ace vulnerable, played:

♠ A K Q 8 4
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ 2

The bidding:
You Schenker Jacoby Males
1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 4♠
(7)

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Hong Kong, 11th Dec., 1940.

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EXERCISE IN FARRIA'S GYMNASIUM for your physical well-being, at 25, Caroline Hill Road, second floor. (Road leading to the Sookumpo Football Ground) Take No. 5 Bus.

ANSWER: Bid two spades. The bulk of your strength is in the long spade suit, and you have no assistance for your partner in defence against a club contract.

Score 100% for two spades; 30% for pass.

Question No. 587
To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold:

♠ A K Q 6 4 2
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 3
♣ K 2

The bidding:
You Jacoby Schenker Males
1♠ 2♠ 3♠ 4♠
(7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SISTER MURDER CHARGE

Henry Knight, aged forty-six, of Trelander-East, Truro, Cornwall, was at Truro sent for trial accused of murdering his sister, Mrs. Julia Carnation, aged fifty-six, widow of a naval petty officer.

Prosecuting, Mr. R. L. Frank said Knight was taken prisoner in the retreat from Mons in 1914 and until 1919 was a prisoner of war in Germany. The question of insanity did not arise in this court, but would be dealt with at Knight's trial.

OFF THE RECORD

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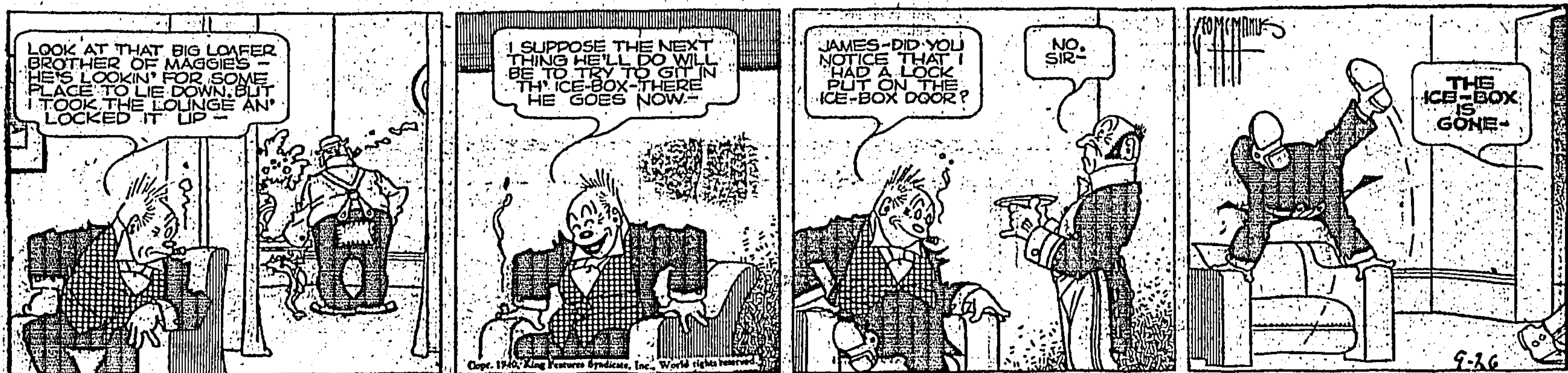


"Garry, Warden—but it was the killer's last request!"

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN The Tall Girl's Problems Are Considered

It is time we paid some attention to the tall woman who stands five feet six inches or over. We should teach her how to glorify her height and to carry it proudly.

"Curious as it may seem, the face of the taller woman is small in proportion to the rest of her body. Her features must therefore be emphasised with proper make-up. Indifferent pastels fade out completely on the statuesque woman, she should dramatise her beauty with vibrant dashing colours. Her mouth should be well-shaped, proud and generous to match her dignity. As she must avoid acting coyly her hair should be dressed simply with a minimum of ringlets and curls."

Regarding Her Posture

In the opinion of this beauty expert tall women are afraid to stretch and walk regally. In attempting to lessen their height they acquire what she calls "jackknife" posture which makes them look angular and awkward. A tall woman must be proud of her height and stand with feet parallel, shoulders in normal position and relaxed, abdomen flat, chest lifted and the spine so straight that it resembles a column supporting a pretty head! Her movements should be dignified too with few, flowery gestures or lunges.

It seems as if tall girls frequently do not know what to do with their hands when they are at a party or waiting in a public place. When such moments of self-consciousness descend it is suggested that the girl hold one hand gracefully in the other and she will look poised and relaxed whether she is standing or sitting. When she moves her hands and arms she should form arcs rather than angles for that lends grace to her movements.

How To Dress

It seems that clothes no longer will be a problem for one designer is devoting all her creating ability to making the tall girl look like a goddess instead of a self-conscious trump. Through excellent cutting and play of pleats, pleasing proportions will be given to the tall girl's chest, hips and waistline and grace to long arms and necks.



LUCILLE BALL'S five feet seven inches can very well carry this chunky fur coat and her halo hat forms a lovely large frame for her face.

This designer suggests large outstanding handbags as correct swashbuckling hats, brilliant accessories to dramatise a height. Belts, dramatic big jewelry and one should be proud of.

Curing That Corn

By Dr. M. Menzies Campbell

A corn is a conical shaped thickening of the outer layers of the skin, with its root projecting inwards.

The commonest cause is pressure from too tight shoes. The first step in successful treatment is to rectify this defect.

Next immerse the affected foot for at least 30 minutes in hot soapy water containing washing soda. Afterwards, rub the corn with black pumice to pare it carefully with a clean sharp knife or razor. Do not break the surrounding skin, thereby risking introducing infection.

Now apply a corn plaster or a corn solvent. A reliable latter is 10 per cent. salicylic acid in collodion. Do not touch the nearby skin.

Repeat this procedure for three successive nights, or until the

root is readily removable.

A soft corn between the toes generally arises from insufficient cleanliness. It is soft because of being so frequently bathed in perspiration.

To cure this, wash daily between the toes. Harden by dabbling with methylated spirit; when dry, dust with talc powder. Afterwards, treat as for a hard corn.

A person with neglected corns is disinclined to walk sufficiently. If he does, however, perforce, he may walk so unnaturally as to over-strain certain muscles; and, in time, become flat-footed.

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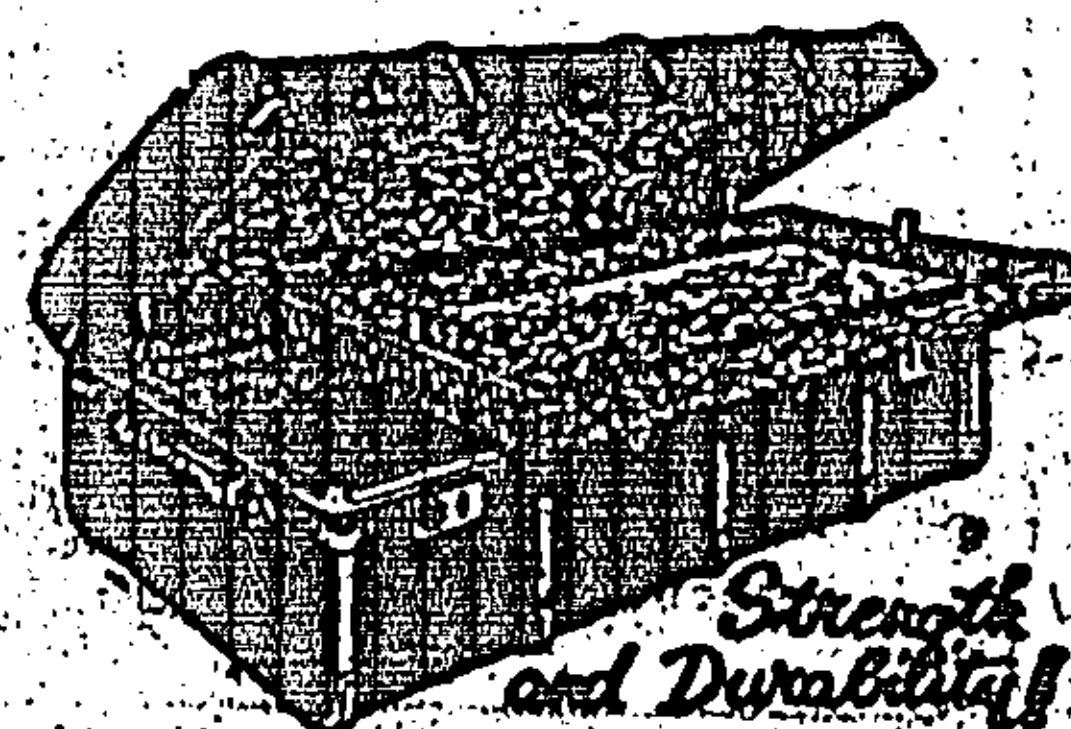
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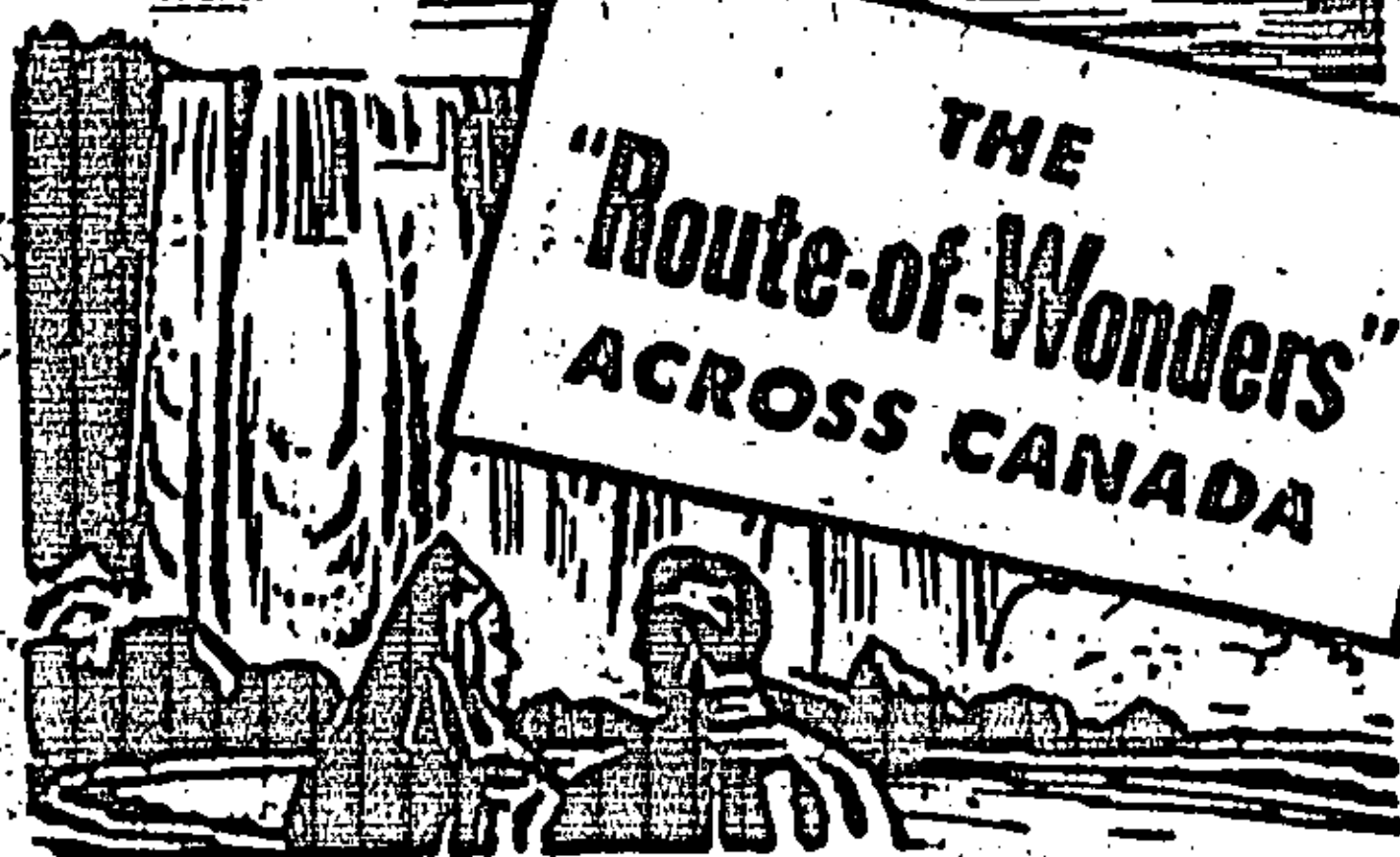
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MONDAY

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai - (San Francisco date, 18th Nov.).
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RADIO

12.30 p.m. - Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

1.03 p.m. - Sea Shanties and Songs.

1.12 p.m. - Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.30 p.m. - Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m. - The Western Brothers in Variety.

2.15 p.m. - Close down.

6.32 p.m. - Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

6.42 p.m. - Alfred Cortot at the Piano.

7.00 p.m. - London Relay - The News.

7.15 p.m. - London Relay - "Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m. - Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

7.45 p.m. - Studio - An appeal on behalf of The Hong Kong Benevolent Society by His Honour, Sir Atholl Macgregor.

7.50 p.m. - Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra (continued).

8.03 p.m. - A Light Orchestral Concert with Millza Korjus (Soprano).

8.45 p.m. - Studio - Local Newsletter.

9.00 p.m. - London Relay - The News and News Commentary.

9.30 p.m. - Brahms - Quartet in A Minor, Op. 61, No. 2.

1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante moderato; 3rd Mov: Quasi menuetto, moderato; Allegretto vivace; Finale: Allegro non assai.

10.00 p.m. - Schubert - The Shepherd on the Rock, sung by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 p.m. - Schubert - Symphony No. 9 in C Major.

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BADMINTON LEAGUE STARTS

The badminton league commenced yesterday when four matches in the "B" Division were decided last night, and resulted in victories for Kowloon Cricket Club, Chung Wah, Kowloon Tong and King's College.

Following were the results.

K.C.C. v Police

Playing at home, Kowloon Cricket Club beat Police by 7 games to 2.

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)

beat W. Gillies and L. Gordon 21-8

beat A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu 21-7

beat J. MacDonald and H. Dingsdale 21-1

beat J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)

lost to Gillies and Gordon 17-21

beat Major and Siu 21-9

beat MacDonald and Dingsdale 21-1

H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)

lost to Gillies and Gordon 17-21

beat Major and Siu 21-10

beat MacDonald and Dingsdale 21-4

King's College v V.R.C.

At Bonham Road, King's College beat Victoria Recreation Club by 8 games to 1.

D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)

lost to S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell 10-21

lost to T. Lam and K. H. Lo 11-21

lost to K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung 12-21

O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)

lost to Chan and Atwell 7-21

beat Lam and Lo 21-10

lost to Lui and Chung 7-21

A. Bato and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)

lost to Chan and Atwell 0-21

lost to Lam and Lo 7-21

lost to Lui and Chung 5-21

Kowloon Tong v St. Andrew's

Kowloon Tong beat St. Andrew's by 6 games to 3 at Waterloo Road.

S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (K. Tong)

lost to E. F. Fincher and H. Kew 10-21

beat A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis 21-5

beat A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett 21-11

F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (K. Tong)

lost to Fincher and Kew 3-21

beat Brown and Davis 21-9

beat Bliss and Merrett 21-4

Refer Lo and Joe Tsang (K. Tong)

lost to Fincher and Kew 21-24

beat Brown and Davis 21-4

beat Bliss and Merrett 21-3

Recreio Beaten

Club de Recreio lost to Chung Wah by 7 games to 2 at King's Park.

YACHTING RESULTS

Yesterday's Yacht Club sweepstakes race over 7.5 miles resulted as follows:

Artemis	16.44.16	H. W. Browne	1
Alisa	16.45.53	G. Wedderburn	2
Gull	16.45.16	A. G. O. Mills	3
Maureen	16.45.27	J. G. Hull	4
Isobel	16.47.32	C. Templar	5
Kona	16.48.44	Mrs. M. Johnson	6
Petrel	16.48.45	W. H. E. Coates	7
Widgeon	16.50.06	J. H. Brown	8

D. not finish—La Linga, True Blue.

FOOTBALL

ODD GOAL IN ELEVEN

AT HAPPY VALLEY yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps Juniors defeated a team from Royal Engineers by 6 goals to 5 in a friendly football match after leading at the interval by four goals to one.

Foster, in Medicals' goal, brought off many good saves when hard pressed in the second half. Gunson played soundly at the left half while, of the forwards, Simmonds, who scored a "hat trick," and Mayo were outstanding.

The Sappers' forwards were well served by Iley, who besides scoring two good goals, held his line together well.

Spencer, at right back, and Lee, in the centre half berth, were prominent.

Iley opened the scoring for Engineers early in the game, but Simmonds soon equalised and shortly after gave his side the lead.

Before the interval, Mayo scored two good goals for Medicals.

In the second half Engineers pressed hard but Medicals took their chances and scored two goals while the R.E.'s netted four.

Iley (2), Doohan (2) and Brown

scored for Sappers, while Simmonds (3), Mayo (2) and Nickle netted for the R.A.M.C.

Teams:—
Medicals: Foster; Twitches and Dodds; Hugh, Williams and Gunson; Sandos, Simmonds, Mayo, Nickle and Wilkinson.

Engineers: McIlraith; Spencer and Waugh; Bouzack, Lee and Bailey; Brown, Doohan, Iley, Morris and Wells.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY

An R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. combined team beat the R.A.S.C. by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey match at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, after being one goal down at the end of the first half.

The match was evenly contested throughout, but the Combined team were on top in the first 15 minutes of play on resumption, during which they scored two quick goals to secure the victory.

Luckhurst played a steady game in defence for the winners, spoiling effectively. Ryan distinguished himself in the pivotal position; being impressive both in his interventions and in distribution, while Sullivan and Hobson were the outstanding forwards.

For the losers, Clarke was safe between the sticks and could not be blamed for the two goals scored against him. Williamson was the better back, while Holden held his own in their intermediate line.

McDowell was very dangerous in the circle in the first half, but dropped out of the picture after the interval, while Gothard played an all-round, speedy game on the left-wing.

McDowell opened the scoring at the middle of the first period from a pass from Gothard, while Hobson for the Combined team scored two quick goals within five minutes on resumption to decide the issue.

Combined Team:—Oakley (R.A.O.C.); Luckhurst (R.A.P.C.) and Reed (R.A.P.C.); Carden (R.A.P.C.); Ryan (R.A.O.C.); and Saunders (R.A.O.C.); Bradley (R.A.O.C.); Sullivan (R.A.O.C.); Hobson (R.A.O.C.); Lyle (R.A.P.C.) and Stow (R.A.O.C.).

R.A.S.C.—Clarke; Sheridan and Williamson; Gibbs, Ashman and Holden; Gothard, Adams, Pearn, McDowell and Stanley.

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CLUB PLAYING RANKS ARE STRENGTHENED

Club "A" beat Engineers by a goal and a try (8pts.) to a goal (5pts.), after leading 8-0 at the interval, in their Rugby match at the Valley yesterday.

Club saw far more of the ball than the Sappers, but faulty handling nullified their attack.

A. F. Walkden, last year's captain, turned out for the first time this season, while R. G. Castleton made a reappearance after his rib injury. J. H. Dunnett was another to return to Club's playing ranks.

H. van Leeuwen and D. I. Bosanquet scored tries for Club and Castleton converted the first try.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

Following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on Saturday at King's Park:

1st XI v Punjab (4.15)—Benwell; Taylor and Youriff; Jordan, Coombe and Dunne; Gilchrist, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and McGahan.

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LAWRENCE HITS HARD: TAM'S CLASSIC INNINGS

University Cricket On Definite Up-Grade Baker Bowls Well For Civil Service

By "Adrem"

APART FROM THE FACT THAT TWO CENTURIES WERE SCORED, OUTSTANDING GAME IN SATURDAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME WAS THE CLUB-UNIVERSITY FIXTURE AT CHATER ROAD IN WHICH UNIVERSITY DID EXTREMELY WELL TO WIN AFTER BEING SET 178 RUNS TO GET.

The University authorities' foresight in re-entering senior cricket is now bearing fruit. They had a very lean season last year and could have been beaten by quite a number of junior clubs, but, profiting by the experience gained and with the enthusiasm they have always shown however badly they have been beaten, they have improved steadily and I expect them to do quite well in the League.

Lawrence followed up his big innings the previous week against Army with a hard-hit century. He found all the bowling very poor and did more or less as he liked, scoring rapidly but not giving any real chance. Hong Choy's bowling was very much to his liking and he hit him for 27 in one over! John Pearce made 29 not out and Alec Mackenzie got a few but Grosse failed, as he did again the following day against K.C.C.

A declaration was made at 3.45 and Cricket Club looked pretty safe for a win.

Tam's knock for University of course was the high spot of the match, it being described to me as being almost classic.

A left-hander Tam, unlike most of these gentry, scores most of his runs on the off. Quite frequently he goes right back to a ball off his leg stump and pushes it to extra cover. He scored elegantly off most of the bowlers and later Hong Choy came in to knock up a quick 46 not out to give University an easy win.

K.C.C. Again

Kowloon Cricket Club had another easy win, their victims this time being Civil Service, whom they beat at the Valley by four wickets.

Civil Service were given a good start by Richardson and Attwell. The latter was inclined to edge them but Richardson was his usual steady self and appeared to be set for a big score when he was well taken in the slips off Zimmerman.

Perry was bowled by a beautiful ball from Zimmerman, which came in sharply from the off and which Perry evidently thought would miss the sticks and that started a "rot" which was only stemmed to a certain extent when Baker went in and laid about him with such vigour that he was still laying about him when the last man was dismissed. His most profitable shot was a hooked drive which brought him quite a number of his runs.

The Civil Service wicket, as is so often the case, was not very good and one was never quite sure what was going to happen after the ball pitched. Nevertheless Zimmerman kept a good length and bowled very well indeed, while Robbie Lee reproduced some of his best form and gave his most impressive performance thus far. Hitherto his bowling has shown little life—it is probable that his thoughts have been on the golf course—but he appears to be regaining his keenness as he later batted very well.

Bad Start

Kowloon started very badly, Baker in his first spell being right at the top of his form. He bowled Anderson with a ball that would have beaten anybody, although he modestly suggested that it had hit a bump on the pitch and its course from then on was not set by him. Imperturbable Francis Lay was also clean bowled and two wickets were down for 11 runs.

Ernie Fincher and Francis Zimmerman then stayed together and it was then only a question of how many wickets Kowloon would win by. Fincher's innings, although it was by no means a big one, Richardson holding him well on the boundary after he had scored 26,



did much to redeem a lengthy run of previous failures and must have restored his confidence quite a lot. Hung was another man with a long string of poor scores to make up for and this was reflected in his batting, which was possibly more dour than usual. He batted very well for 30 and stayed in until the match was as good as won. Lee had the distinction of making the winning hit—a straight drive that was almost classic!

Baker was easily the best bowler in the Civil Service side and on his first spell he could well be described as the best bowler of his type in the Colony, but the remainder were not very good although Hawkins fooled Rapley with a donkey-drop that, from the pavilion, and to Rapley, appeared to take hours to come to earth!

The margin of Kowloon's victory, on paper, possibly does not look very great but there was never very much doubt in anybody's mind that the champions would win.

C.C.C. Surprised

Craigengower "A" team was surprised by a side described in the scorebook as "Tamar." Ismail and Souza, the Craigengower opening bowlers might have done very well against Civil Service the previous week but they presented no difficulties to the sailors. Wilson went early but Brown, West, Kilbee, Honeywell, Roughley, Allison and Holder, the succeeding batsmen, all made double-figure scores and the very fair total of 153 was reached.

This should not have been beyond Craigengower's capabilities and, although Broadbridge was dismissed by West, Archie Hung, George Souza and Ismail all made thirties and the total was taken to 83 for 3. After Ernie Zimmerman put his leg in front of one of Allison's, however, the hutch was well and truly open and the remainder of the side who, it must be admitted, do not play regularly, failed miserably and were out for 129.

Allison was the steadiest of the Naval bowlers but Brown went on late and took 4 for 14.

INTERNATIONAL'S WEAKENED TEAM

International, who created the big surprise in football circles last Saturday when they beat the hitherto unbeaten Air Force team will be without several of their best players this week against Shell, owing to Volunteer Camp. Sprinkle, captain and left wing, will be absent and his place will be taken by J. Tavares with Iley, as inside left, and Body leading the attack.

Following is International team: U. B. Souza; V. M. Marques and D. d'Aquino; H. Campbell, R. Rocha and W. Aycock; L. Rocha; S. Bur; R. Body; W. Iley and J. Tavares.

SAPPERS' CRICKET TEAM

Following have been chosen to represent the Royal Engineers in friendly cricket matches this week-end.

SATURDAY
Away v H.K.C.C. "A", 2 p.m.
Major D. C. E. Grosse, Major W. W. Parsons, Captain F. L. Freeman, S/Sgt. Megson, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Tropp.
Reserves:—S/Sgt. Kehoe and Spr. Goss.
Umpires:—Sgt. Clarke.
Scorer:—Spr. Cooke.

SUNDAY
Home v C.C.C., on Sookunpoo, at 11 a.m.
Major W. W. Parsons, 2/Lt. D. Holliday, S/Sgt. Megson, S/Sgt. Kehoe, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Shipp, L/Cpl. Shaw, L/Cpl. Pelham, Spr. Bailey, Spr. Ratcliffe and Spr. Tropp.
Reserve:—Spr. Goss.
Scorer:—Spr. Cooke.
Umpire:—Sgt. Clarke.

INTER-UNIT CRICKET ENDS IN DRAW

In a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army Pay Corps drew with the Medical Corps.

Medicals batted first and totalled 135 with Coombes (49) as top scorer. This batsman hit nine boundaries during his stay at the wicket. Chalcraft bowled well to return the analysis of 5 for 31.

Pay Corps started disastrously, losing three wickets for 6 runs but Murray, with a useful 30 which included 5 fours, stopped the rot and Hemming, going in late, made 33 to give his side a draw. He hit the ball to the ropes six times.

The scores were as follows:—Webb, c Pendergast, b Happe 15
Coombes, c Ingleby, b Chalcraft 49
Smyer, b Chalcraft 27
Bright, b Murray 4
Shorthouse, b Chalcraft 5
Harrison, c Hemming, b Chalcraft 0
Lawrence, c Adlam, b Murray 0
Wyre, c Murray, b Chalcraft 11
Britnell, b Ingleby 1
Don, b Ingleby 4
Forkall, not out 1
Extras (B11, LB3, NB2) 16

Totals				
Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
Ingleby	8	0	30	2
Happe	3	0	27	1
Chalcraft	8	2	31	5
Murray	4	0	29	2

R.A.P.C.				
	O	M	R	W
Ingleby, b Wyre	2			
Witton, b Coombes	4			
Murray, c Don, b Coombes	30			
Chalcraft, b Wyre	0			
Pendergast, c Harrison, b Coombes	8			
Adlam, b Wyre	0			
Happe, b Harrison	5			
Hemming, c Bright, b Lawrence	33			
Stone, not out	4			
Pinkney, not out	3			
Extras (W3, B0, LB0)	18			

Total (for 9 wickets)				
Smart did not bat				
Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
Wyre	8	1	28	3
Coombes	6	0	21	3
Bright	3	1	14	0
Harrison	4	0	15	1
Webb	2	1	5	0
Lawrence	1	0	0	1

COLLEDGE, LAWRENCE LAY ON THE WOOD

By "Adrem"

DESCRIBED BY S. A. Gray, the Kowloon skipper, as the finest match he had played in thus far this season, the fixture at Cox's Road between K.C.C. and Civil Service was a thrilling affair in which the batting was bright and excitement in the closing stages intense.

Brightest period in the Civil Service innings was when veteran F. E. Lawrence and W. H. Colledge were together. Lawrence played the type of innings with which he was frequently associated when he played regularly for K.C.C. 1st XI hitting furiously at anything that could be reached and hitting just as furiously if it could not! A good innings, nevertheless, and one that was nice to watch and only terminated when he rushed out at one and did not have the strength to go into reverse and get back in time.

Polished Innings

Colledge's innings was far more polished than Lawrence's. Only reason why he was not playing in the senior team was an injured knee which made him feel unwilling to risk action more violent than that he hoped to get at K.C.C. He too became very weary towards the end and his presentation of a stumping chance to Brokenshire savoured very much of a desire for a comfortably chair and a long, cool drink!

The K.C.C. bowling was not good and the fielding was atrocious and I am told that had all the chances been accepted, Civil Service very likely would not have reached much more than 100.

Baxter and Bertram Lay gave Kowloon a good start. Baxter played his usual stolid sort of game but Lay was batting beautifully and appeared likely to get a big score when he called a run, was sent back by Baxter, and run out. As he was evidently seeing them as big as a football it is not unlikely that K.C.C. would have won the match if he had stayed—his 28 runs were secured in about 12 minutes!

Young Burch, who did so well against Recreio recently, failed to reproduce that form against a much weaker side and was stumped by Colledge off Cunningham for a duck. Gray, however, settled down quickly to play one of the best knocks of the innings—a knock described to me by the person best able to judge—as "casual".

E. T. Lawrence, the Shanghai player, made 18 and then Fenton went in to play a breezy innings of 38. Straight powerful driving was the feature of a very useful effort in which safety was definitely made a minor consideration. Brokenshire played what must have been the biggest innings in his career and has every reason to feel satisfied with his afternoon's work as he also had his best bag behind the sticks—two stumpings and the same number of catches.

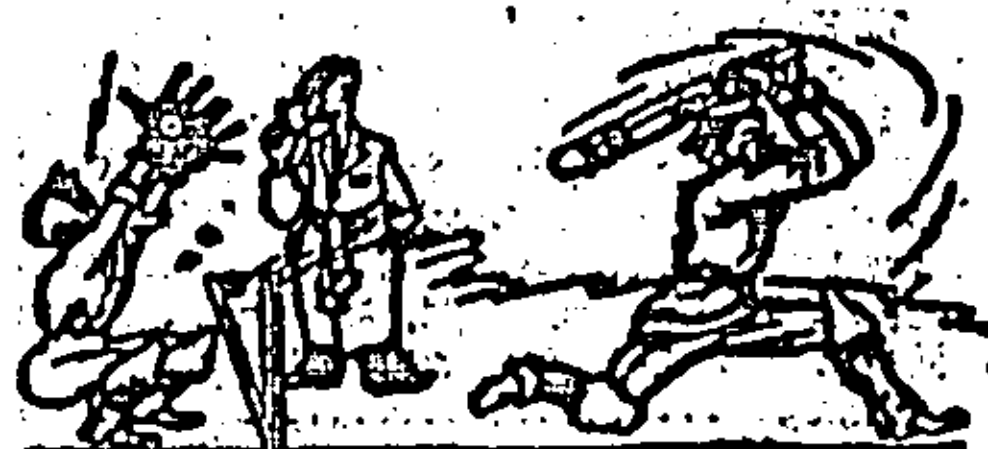
Police Beaten Again

Police met with another of their regular defeats on Saturday, their conquerors on this occasion being I.R.C.

Pope stayed away from football and turned out to take 4 for 45 and Carey was once again in form with the ball but, although these two were largely responsible for I.R.C. being put out for 113 J. M. A. Rumjahn and H. T. Barma alone making useful scores; this proved good enough for Police who gave a sorry batting performance and were all out for 80. Arculli took 3 for 21 and Abbas, as usual, took cheap wickets—four on this occasion for 28.

Schoolboys Do Well

A team of schoolboys did not by any means do badly against a fairly strong Recreio "A" team and did well to lose by only 33 runs. Nevertheless I cannot help thinking that if Ozorio had been kept on after he had taken 2 for 1



in three overs, two of which were maidens, the young hopefuls would have had a very sorry looking score-sheet. L. Remedios and Brown, for the schoolboys, bowled extremely well to share the wickets and put Recreio out for 94. This score would have been even worse if it had not been for Soares and Eddie Gosano, both, of course, regular members of the first team.

The schoolboys were never impressive with the bat and although there was something of a stand made by Remedios, Rull and L. Remedios, Alves went on late to take four cheap wickets and finish off the innings.

D.B.S. Beat St. Joseph's

Diocesan Boys' School had much the better of their old rivals St. Joseph's in a match at Homuntin featured by some splendid bowling performances. Macauley was almost unplayable for D.B.S. and took 7 for 14, while Asonie and S. K. Khan took 6 for 45 and 4 for 37 respectively for the Saints.

Whitfield, Ebrahim and Ho were the only batsmen on either side to do anything of note.

In the only other match R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. drew at Sookunpoo, Barnes, Emberson and Standing were the most successful Ordinance batsmen, while Murray's 76 not out was easily the finest performance of the match. Lockhurst of the Pay Corps took 5 for 32 and bowled very steadily.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET

At Pokfulam yesterday, Medical "A" beat Medical "B" in an intra-faculty friendly cricket match.

MEDICAL "B"				
	O	M	R	W
N. Singh, lbw, b Mahmood	3			
Chelliah, b Mahmood	21			
C. W. Hool, c and b Sen Gupta	4			
P. S. Bun, b Huang	2			
Amecrali, c Chin, b Mahmood	19			
T. B. Teoh, b Sen Gupta	13			
Tan Luan Hoo, c Fenton, b Sen Gupta	1			
Amplavanar, lbw, b Huang	27			
L. H. Tan, c and b Sen Gupta	1			
L. M. Oh, not out	4			
T. B. Teoh, b Huang	0			
Extras (B20)	23			

Total				
Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
Mahmood	10	1	61	3
Huang	7	2	3	3
Fenton	3	4	4	0
Sen Gupta	3	1	27	4

MEDICALS "A"				
	O	M	R	W
Fenton, b Amplavanar	6			
Mahmood, b Singh	0			
K. S. Oh, b Amplavanar	10			
Sen Gupta, c Singh, b Amplavanar	9			
Huang, b Chelliah	34			
N. S. Ooi, b Amplavanar	4			
T. S. Chin, run out	42			
G. Choa, c Singh, b W. C. Hool	15			
K. S. Choa, retired	14			
W. S. Lee, not out	12			
Extras (B11, LB3)	10			

Total (for 9 wickets)				
Bowling Analysis				
	O	M	R	W
Singh	9	0	51	1
Amplavanar	6	0	67	4
Chelliah	3	0	10	2
Luhn Hool	2	0	13	0
Teoh	2	0	14	0
W. C. Hool	1	0	0	0

Three Soccer Interports May Be Held Next Year Against Macao, Shanghai And Burma South China To Visit Manila

THE PROBABILITY that there will be three soccer interports next year was revealed at the monthly meeting of the council of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday under the chairmanship of Mr. Wang Ka-tsun.

Shanghai Football Association have replied to Hong Kong's invitation to send a team here during the Chinese New Year Holidays, saying that the matter would be discussed at their next committee meeting. The letter was written late in November and the Secretary was instructed to write Shanghai for a definite answer as soon as possible.

In anticipation of a favourable reply from Shanghai an Interport committee, composed of Messrs. G. Gilmam, W. E. Hollands, J. McKelvie, W. Chen, J. Skinner, Capt. Peal and R. M. Omar, was appointed.

The suggestion of the Macao Football Association that the interport game with that port be played on April 21 was accepted.

The Burma Football Association, whose request to be accommodated for a series of games here during January was refused, have written stating that, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made in the Straits for matches, they hope to visit Hong Kong in April.

The matter was left in abeyance.

The application of the Chinese Amateur Sports Club for affiliation and entrance to the Junior Shield competition was granted.

The application of the Combined Royal Artillery to be permitted to participate in the Senior Shield was discussed. It was decided that they be permitted to enter the competition. No player chosen by them and playing in the Senior Shield would be permitted to again play in the Junior competition.

South China were granted permission to visit Manila during February on condition that they return in time for the Second Round of the Shield Competition on February 21.

Mr. W. Chen, of South China, said that his club had only one fixture during the period they hoped to be away and that there would be no interruption of the fixtures.

They had only one game during that period and this could be played off before their departure.

Permission for Annual match in aid of Hospital Christmas comforts between the University and Hospital Staff, to be played on Sunday, was granted. A donation of \$100 to this fund was also made.

It was also decided that a donation of £25 be made to Courtney, of Middlesex, for comforts while in hospital. Courtney is in hospital in England, suffering from the effects of a lorry accident while in Hong Kong.

A charity game between the Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony was arranged for New Year's day in aid of the B.W.O.F. and "South China Morning Post" War Fund.

REST TEAMS FOR CHARITY GAMES

Following have been chosen to represent the Rest of the Association in the charity games at Causeway Bay on Sunday December 22:

Rest "A"—Robinson (Navy); Blackburn (Police) (Capt.) and D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); Freshwater (Middlesex); Bright (Middlesex) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Philpotts (Navy); Le Page (Navy); Hendy (Navy); Howlett (Police) and Marable (Middlesex).

Reserves—Hussain (St. Joseph's); Honeywell (Navy); Saw (Middlesex) and Blake (Kowloon).

Rest "B"—Reynolds (Ordnance); Roughley (Navy) (Capt.) and Fraser (Royal Scots); Maxwell (Kowloon); Parnaby (Royal Scots) and North (Police); Owens (20th Battery); Pelham (Engineers); Fox (Engineers); O'Regan (Navy) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves—Britt (Navy); Pope (Police); Barber (Navy) and Fowler (Club).

Team Manager—J. Skinner.

ENGLAND'S STRONG XI

Following have been chosen to represent England against Portugal in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition on Boxing Day:

Robinson (Navy); Roughley (Navy) and Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police); Bright (Middlesex) (Capt.) and Wilkinson (Middlesex); Coomer (Middlesex); Le Page (Navy); Hendy (Navy); Fox (Engineers) and Bickford (Club).

Reserves—Moxham (Engineers); Britt (Navy); Parker (Middlesex); Strange (Club); Honeywell (Navy); Thomas (Middlesex); Saw (Middlesex); Barber (Navy); Fowler (Club) and Marable (Middlesex).

SOCCER SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw for the First Round of the Senior Shield competition and the Preliminary Round of the Junior Competition:

SENIOR
Sing Tao v Middlesex
South China v Club
Royal Artillery v Eastern
Kwong Wah v Kowloon
Byes—St. Joseph's, Police, Royal Scots and Navy.

JUNIOR
v Service Corps
v Ordnance
v Chinese Sports Club
v Kowloon
v Sing Tao "A"
v Club
v 24th R.A.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP DRAW

Following is the draw for the Semi-final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition:

CHRISTMAS DAY
Scotland v China (holders)
(Boundary Road, 3.30 p.m.)

BOXING DAY
Portugal v England
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)

Saints' Soccer Team

Following have been chosen to represent St. Joseph's in their First Division football match against Sing Tao on Sunday: S. Tsang; A. J. Hussain and A. J. Leonard; W. Maher; G. Fernandes and Lau Wing-kong; R. M. Cruz, C. Santos, C. MacDonald, J. Gomez and A. R. Leonard.

Reserves—T. Ali, J. Bowen and A. Rumjahn.

Owing to Volunteer Camp the Third Division football match between the A.S.A. and 24th Royal Artillery scheduled for Sunday, December 15 has been postponed.

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CAPTURE OF SIDI BARRANI ITALIANS BROKEN UP IN DISORDER

NAVAL UNITS BOMBARDING RETREATING FORCE

British naval forces have been harassing enemy retreating along the coast during Tuesday night and on Wednesday, says a naval communique issued in Cairo.

They have also been bombarding enemy columns on roads round Sollum.—Reuter.

WRECKAGE OF BOMBER TRACED

The wreckage of a Japanese bomber which was shot down at Hsiangshuikou in northern Hupeh a few days ago has been located.

Among the wreckage, two light machine-guns, a radio set, a parachute, photographs and Japanese military notes were found. The bodies of the airmen were badly mangled.

A Japanese unit based on Yachuehling (hill) east of Ichang suffered scores of casualties on December 6, when an attack launched on Chinese positions was repulsed after a severe clash.—Central News.

Smashing Triumph Of British Strategy

SIDI BARRANI, SPEARHEAD OF THE ITALIAN ADVANCE INTO EGYPT FROM LIBYA, HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF THE IMPERIAL BRITISH FORCES WHICH ON MONDAY COMMENCED A BLITZKRIEG ASSAULT ON THE FORTIFIED CAMPS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE EGYPTIAN BORDER BY MARSHAL GRAZIANI'S FORCES.

This new triumph, which follows the capture by British mechanised forces of Bugbug on Tuesday, means that a large part of two Italian divisions—mainly composed of Libyan troops though including some Black Shirts—have either been captured or annihilated.

A special Cairo communique yesterday stated: "This afternoon Sidi Barrani was captured, with a large number of prisoners including three generals.

Advanced elements of our mechanised forces are now operating westwards and considerable additional captures have been made."

The success of the British around Sidi Barrani, it was stated in Cairo yesterday, was the outcome of well-planned strategy.

British armoured forces first attacked the enemy's right flank and then forced their way to the rear while a fierce British frontal attack was launched against enemy positions at Maktila, 15 miles east of Sidi Barrani.

This frontal attack was completely successful.

On finding themselves cut off from the rear, the Italians became disorganised when attacked from all sides.

Egyptians Thrilled

The capture of Sidi Barrani was announced at places of public entertainment throughout Cairo and was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm. Egyptians raising cheers for England.

The press features the news on the front pages, and the newspaper "El Ahran" uses for headline a verse from the Koran: "Our possession returned to us."

"A truly magnificent war," was how a high Egyptian Government official described the recapture of Sidi Barrani to Reuter in Cairo.

He said the news would cause a sensation throughout Egypt.

"This smashing Italian defeat removes any possible doubt concerning the safety of Egypt," he declared.—Reuter.

VIOLENT BATTLE IN THE TEVELI SECTOR

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Rain And Snow

The Greek army continues to advance according to plan, said Athens radio last night, in continuous rain and snow and is pursuing the enemy.

On the left flank the enemy is retreating to the heights of Khlamara and all his attempts to resist have failed.

Further north the enemy have been unable to hold the positions they have been defending stubbornly and are retreating here also.

In the region of Premeti our troops, advancing further into the interior of Albania, have taken heights of great strategic value.

Still further north the Italians were driven from strongly fortified heights which are so valuable strategically that they tried to re-occupy the positions but suffered most severe losses.

The Greeks are giving Italians no breathing space to build a new fortified line.—Reuter.

NAZI PRESSURE ON DANES

At the annual meeting of Danish unemployment insurance societies, the director reported that the authorities complained that Danish workers insurance societies had paid unemployment relief to workers who quitted work in Germany or failed to return after their leave in Denmark.

The central organisation for unemployment insurance was, therefore, compelled to draw attention to orders that such payment cannot be made. Danish workers quitting work in Germany of their own volition lose benefits against contributions already paid as unemployment insurance in Denmark.—British Wireless.

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BUS SMASH INQUIRY

THE TOTAL FATALITIES IN THE COLLISION BETWEEN A MOTOR-BUS AND A "UNITED DELIVERY" LORRY AT THE 12-MILE POST ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON TUESDAY NIGHT HAS BEEN INCREASED TO THREE, ONE OF THE INJURED BUS PASSENGERS HAVING SUCCEEDED.

There are now five persons under treatment in the Kowloon Hospital, and these are stated to be progressing favourably.

It is understood that a public inquiry will be held into the accident.

The bus driver who was detained immediately after the accident, has been released on \$500 bail.

Forty cases of tuberculosis, seven of dysentery, two of diphtheria and one each of cholera (from Victoria), typhoid and measles were notified yesterday.

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